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Town of Stetson Selectmen's Minutes, 2011

Stetson (Me.). Board of Selectmen

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I. OPEN MEETING
   The meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
   Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
   1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2010
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Lois Hawes, it was unanimously voted to approve the December 22, 2010 Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
   None.

D. WARRANT
   1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 35 & 36
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrants #35 and #36.

   2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 37
      Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #37.

      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to transfer $10,000.00 from the undesignated funds to the checking account.

      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to pay the Central Maine Septic bill for the portable toilet in the amount of $58.50.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
   Nothing.

II. OLD BUSINESS
   Diane gave a report on the MMA insurance risk inspection. Consensus of the Board was to have an Electrician inspect the questions dealing with the CFCI codes at the Fire Station and the emergency lighting in both locations.
III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Brown Foreclosure

Mr. Brown has not paid the remaining $8,002.00 for the property in which he was the winning bid located on the Mullen Road. Mr. Brown had signed a “Good Faith” Letter stating that his deposit of $2,000.00 would be forfeited if he did not pay the balance by January 1st of 2011. Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 4 to 1 to put the property back out to bid. Lois Hawes abstaining from the vote.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL  Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD  Nothing.
C. CEMETERY  Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  Nothing.
E. E911  Nothing.
F. EDUCATION  Don Carroll will be attending the up-coming Budget hearings at the school and get the updates. Don informed the Board if they have any questions to forward them to him and he will present them at the meeting. George Hockstadter also questioned if the school closed, would it be turned back over to the town? Yes it would be turned back over.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE  Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE  Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kim Tracy was present to explain and express his concerns dealing with the letter the board received from the Town of Etna dealing with the Town of Stetson being billed for First Responders from Etna responding to Stetson. Kim stated that it was his opinion that Etna continually wants to isolate themselves, and that they will not be toned out by Stetson. Kim also informed the Board that Newport has also joined a mutual aid agreement with the Town of Stetson. The Town of Stetson will not be billed, unless we call Etna to respond. Kim has written a letter to Penobscot Regional requesting that Etna not be requested to respond for Stetson. Kim stated that Etna has dropped out of the County Wide Mutual Aid agreement and the Tri-Town Agreement.

Don Carroll stated that the Town of Stetson should keep track of the number of times we respond to Etna for future reference.

Kim also stated that Stetson does not answer EMT calls to Etna.

Kim also reported that the rescue truck was brought in for inspection and it failed inspection. It is going to cost approximately 5 to 6 hundred dollars to fix. Don Carroll informed Kim that there is still over $7,000 in the Maintenance Fund.

J. MEETINGHOUSE
K. PARKS & RECREATION  The next upcoming event will be Easter.
L. PLANNING BOARD  Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR  Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  Don Carroll stated he counted 14 bins and has received calls requesting 2 a month collection, but our contract is through June for only once a month.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER  
John Biggar was not present.

P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  
Don Carroll reported that the Legislature is back in Session, and there is a meeting on January 26, 2011 in Augusta.

Q. TREASURER  
Diane reported that there are presently 43 Automatic Forecloser Notices going out in the mail next week. The Board also signed the Overhead Door maintenance contract.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR  
The Board would like me to ask if the applicants have second heat sources.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  
Marlene Webber stated it is disrespectful to ride the snowmobiles across the Memorial grounds and dangerous because the skies of the sled could get caught under the benches.

T. OTHER

U. Diane gave the Board the latest revised Personnel Policy, and requested that the Board preview the update and asked that the Board point out which (if any) sections they would like forwarded to MMA Legal for a legal opinion. MMA does preview whole policies for legal opinions.

Diane also reported that the attorney has returned her call and apologized for being out of the office both for the holidays, and for personnel reasons. He also stated that he has retrieved the files from the previous years, and will get back to us in about a week on where the town should head with the “tree” issue on the Merrill Road.

Brenda Clark questioned who actually marked the trees for removal? Don stated that John Biggar and Richard Webber marked the trees to be removed.

Don Carroll addressed the issues dealing the Webber property located across from the Town Office and the fact that they have blocked the Snowmobiles from crossing this property. Don Carroll stated that the issue at hand with the land has nothing to do with the town officials or the town office. The issue at hand is between the Property owner and the Snowmobilers. Alan Brown being present, stated that the trail has been there since 1970 and does not see the reason for having to re-route the trail now.

Marlene Webber stated the trail was not blocked because of a feud, but because of the new business they are starting. A car sales lot needs to have a certain amount of square footage.

Don Carroll also stated that he has received threatening phone calls and rumors that some residents are starting a petition to force the hands of the Selectmen to ensure that all town business over $5,000.00 be put out to bid, including the snow plowing contract.

Marlene Webber stated that one issue has nothing to do with the other and no one in town has placed a phone call to the Webbers requesting permission to cross their land. Alan Brown stated that he did speak to Mr. Webber himself and Mr. Webber said no.

Don Carroll then noted this situation needs to be put to bed!!!!!!

V. TRAINING

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melodie Bellefleur stated that she would help Brenda Clark with the cleaning and repairing of the flags. Brenda stated that the flags are now $22.00 each, the poles are $18.75 each, and the holders are $8.75 each.

It was also noted that the office needs all 3 flags replaced on the poles located outside the office.
VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Brenda Clark questioned the Delate Road, and why it is blocked again. Lois Hawes stated that it is against the law to block a Public Way and it needs to be unblocked. A Public Way, needs to be opened to the public. Don Carroll also reported that Connie Merrill feels her shrubs and mail box was intentionally hit by the plow. Don stated that he does not feel anything was done intentional. Both Lois and Brenda went and looked at the damage done. Marlene Webber stated that the plow truck met an oil truck and there was no room to pass by.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matter 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to deal with a personnel matter 1M.R.S.A sec 405(6)(A).

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session and enter back into Public Session at 7:38 p.m.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 3 to 2 to give both Cathy and Patty a 1% raise. (George, Terry and Don voting Yes, and Brenda and Lois voting No.)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

____________________________________ Donald Carroll
____________________________________ Brenda Clark
____________________________________ Lois Hawes
____________________________________ George Hockstadter
____________________________________ Terry White
Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING

   The meeting was called to order by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

   Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

   1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2011

      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to
      Approve the January 13th minutes with the following corrections:
      1. Page 2, Item III #1: “voted 4 to 0 with 1 abstaining”
      2. Page 2, Item IV Letter F. “Take out last sentence “Yes it would be turned back over.”
      3. George Hockstadter also noted that the previous $2,000 deposit received by Jim Brown
         would not apply to any new bid on the property.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

   None.

D. WARRANT

   1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 38 & # 40

      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to
      approve Warrants #38 and #40.

   2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 39 & # 41

      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter it was unanimously voted to
      approve Warrants #39 and #41.

      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to
      transfer $48,000.00 from the Undesignated Account to the Checking Account to cover the
      expenses of the Warrants.

      It was also NOTED that Town Checks are not to be paid to individuals if involving a Business.
      Ie, AA Alarm Company.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

   Assessing Agent Danielle Smith had 3 Abatements and 3 Supplementals for the board to consider
   and sign:
II. OLD BUSINESS

George Hockstadter addressed the Board his concerns dealing the Personnel Policy:

George feels that unused Sick Time Benefits should be paid to the employees at the end of the Year as an incentive to not use sick time and as a benefit to the employees for some extra income at the end of the year.

Terry White stated this is definitely something for the Board to consider and asked that the board be given some time to think about it.

George Hockstadter also stated that Vacation Time should be held to a maximum of 3 weeks no matter how many years of Service.

The Board felt the allotted time in the policy is pretty much standard and would leave as is in the policy.

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
E. E911 Nothing.
F. EDUCATION Nothing.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION Nothing.
L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER The Road Commissioner was not present.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP

Don Carroll attended the meeting in Augusta and the biggest discussion was on the new Building Code. Also discussed was; Discouraging Illegal Dumping sites, a bill for schools to follow one design, a bill to extend the school year an additional 20 days, an Excise tax bill, a bill to prohibit carrying a concealed weapon even with a permit into public meetings, and also a bill to prohibit sex offenders from being within 2500 feet from a school instead of the present 750 feet.

Don also mentioned to Richard Webber the proposed law “Cut Curb Law” on the minor and major collector roads.
Q. TREASURER Diane reported that there were 63 certified mailings dealing with Automatic Foreclosures, approximately 20 of those were to Mortgage Holders.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR
Diane reported that General Assistance is very busy right now with the cold temperatures.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
It was noted that there are no fresh snowmobile tracks since the “No trespassing” signs have been put in place.

T. OTHER
Nothing.

V. TRAINING
No training, but it was noted the new Real Estate Sketch Program is in place and working well.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Marlene Webber noted that Nancy Watson has passed her test. The Board stated that they were aware of that. Marlene also inform the Board that there is now a Committee for Stetson Days in place, and that they have had their first meeting.

Stetson Days is scheduled for July 30, 2011
Marlene stated that there is a problem getting access to electricity for Stetson Days. There is no longer power at the yellow building adjoining the Post Office. Don Carroll stated he would call CMP and see if there is a possibility of temporary poles.

The new Committee Members for Stetson Days are as follows:
1. Marlene Webber
2. Rita Alee
3. Gerald Button
4. Theresa Barriault
5. Nancy Watson
6. Temi Kosciusko

Robert Frappier questioned why the fence has not been repaired at the Local Junk Yard in Town. Frappier stated that fixing the fence was a condition of the permit and should be done. Don Carroll stated he would check on the status of the fence.

Mrs. Frappier questioned if the Town of Stetson foresees a “pay as you go” trash program as some other towns have gone to? Don Carroll stated that it may be worth some looking into.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
Lois Hawes stated “that she would like to bring to the attention of the Board that we have hired Diane to run this office, and office related issues should be addressed with Diane, not with one of us.” The Board agreed that the running of the office was Diane’s responsibility unless there was a need for the Board to step in.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

____________________________________Donald Carroll
____________________________________Brenda Clark
____________________________________Lois Hawes
____________________________________George Hockstadter
____________________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2011

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve the January 26, 2011 minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

None.

D. WARRANT

1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 42 & # 43

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #42 as amended to fix the error in Catherine Fisher's check. Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #43.

2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 44

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #44.

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to transfer $18,000.00 from the undesignated account to the checking account to cover the Warrants.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Don Carroll addressed the Board with the concerns of the mobile home located by the Exeter line. The owner followed the proper procedure, and the trailer will be removed by May.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Policy:

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Don Carroll, it was voted 4 to 1 to add (item #4) under letter
(b) USE OF SICK LEAVE on page 8 of the Personnel Policy. George Hockstadter voting No.
Item #4 to read “Sick pay hours are for current, active full-time and part-time employees, have no cash value and are not paid to employees upon termination.”

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Everett’s Landing
   Don Carroll explained to the Board that he had spoken with the Town Attorney and the attorney recommended to “Not Touch” the trees at this time. The Town did take ownership by prescription, but ONLY the portion maintained. That would be only the driving surface, nothing outside of that.
   The Town can request permission from the owners for a right-of-way, or the town can take the land by eminent domain and would require compensation. The Board should consider inviting the Land owners to a meeting and discussing these options. Eminent Domain could take up to 2 years. The Town is only responsible to maintain to safe and passable standards. The Town would need 8 to 10 feet on each side of the road to do the proper ditching.

2. Tax Acquired Property Bids
   There were 3 bids:
   Kyle Allard $8,500
   Donald Bubbar $7,500
   Stoneridge Farm (Charles Craig) $5,001
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to accept Kyle Allard’s bid of $8,500. It was also explained to Mr. Allard that he would be issued a “Quit Claim Deed” only.

3. Calendar of Upcoming Dates
   Diane distributed a time line of upcoming events dealing with Elections and Town Meeting. Don Carroll expressed the need to make decisions on the contracts in town. Don stated even if the decision of going out to bid goes before a Town Meeting vote, it will not be in time for this year’s budget. Don feels the contracts should be extended for another year.
   Richard Webber being present, stated that his contract would have an increase of 6 ½ % to 7 %. Don stated he would talk to Jerry at Sullivan Waste.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
E. E911 Nothing.
F. EDUCATION Don Carroll stated there is a meeting scheduled in Stetson to discuss the school funding on 2/28/2011 at 7p.m.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE The issue of double week-end booking is creating issues with the possibility of
not being left clean for the next booking. The board will consider a contact person when these issues
arrive, and Lois Hawes will notify the office on Mondays as to whether a deposit should be returned.
K. PARKS & RECREATION Don Carroll spoke with Dennell Hamm and informed her that the residents
of NFI would be available for volunteer work in town, such as help with the fields this spring.
L. PLANNING BOARD There will be a meeting this month 2/17/2011.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER The Road Commissioner was not present, but there were no issues.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Nothing.
Q. TREASURER Nothing.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Nothing.
T. OTHER
   Terry White stated that a big tree has fall on the fence located at the Cemetery on the Lapoint Road

V. TRAINING
   Planning Board and Appeals Board Training Announced.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   Marlene Webber reported on Stetson Days and announced that there would be parades, acts,
bounce house, dunk tanks, etc. They have spent $1,524.00 thus far.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
    None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to go
into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for Discussion of Confidential Records / 1 MRSA sec 405(6)(F).
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to come
out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.
Consensus of the Board as the result of Executive Session was to proceed with the possible
dangerous building issue in town.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to
adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
I. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2011

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

None.

D. WARRANT

1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 45

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant # 45.

2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 46

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant # 46.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to transfer $15,000.00 from the undesignated account to the checking account to cover the Warrants.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Aurill Tasker was present and expressed his concerns about his Mullen Road residence being foreclosed on by the Town. The Board explained to him that the foreclosure time schedule is set by the state, and the town must abide by that schedule. It is the precedence of the Town to allow the previous owner to regain ownership within 90 days by paying all taxes due (a total of 4 years). Mr. Tasker also questioned how the trailer next door retained a building permit without his knowledge where he and 2 others are part owners of the property. CEO could answer those questions.

Don Carroll also reported that the State's Valuation is up 12 million dollars and the 2011 Assessing for the Town has not started yet to see where the Town falls within the State's Values.
II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Everette’s Landing
   The Board discussed the next step in the Everette’s Landing issue. George Hockstadter stated he had not had time to talk to Charles Merrill as he previously stated he would. Both Terry White and Brenda Clark felt it was time to let the issue go for now. Although residents are complaining that the road is too narrow, and there are vehicles off the road, there is no more the town can do at this time. Choices to be looked at are, Emanate Domain, and paying fair market value for 8 feet on each side of the road.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Mowing Contract
   Consensus of the Board was to put the Contract out for bid the 1st meeting in March, and to have the bids due back the 2nd meeting in March to start the April contract dates.

   George Hockstadter also questioned the Snow removal contracts. Don Carroll stated that those contracts would be discussed at the budget meetings on March 7th and March 14th at 9:00 am. Don stated that he feels it is too late to go out to bid, but there is a difference of opinion for 3 year contract. Don questioned if the people want to go out to bid for 3 years on the larger contracts, and year by year on the smaller contracts?

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL   Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD   Nothing.
C. CEMETERY   Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER    The Health Officer has posted the Notice of Uninhabitable living conditions notice on the Mobile Home on the Mullen Road.
E. E911    Nothing.
F. EDUCATION
   1. School Closing Information
      Don Carroll attended the meeting and reported that not much information has been formalized. Don was in favor of closing the school before attending the meeting, but not anymore...The savings would only be approximately $160,000 in a 10 million dollars budget. That is only 2% of the budget.
      Lois Hawes stated that $160,000 is a high ball park figure. If the school does close, it will be by a referendum vote.
      Melodie Bellefleur stated that a community school it a bigger value than a lot realize it is. Parents do not like the idea of their kids being transferred long distances. More information to come at the next School Board Meeting.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE   Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE   (see Fire Department below)
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT    Fire Chief Kim Tracy questioned his authority to call for a Road to be sanded in the event of an Emergency situation in Town. The Department ran into that situation last
week when they had an Emergency Call, and not only were the Town's Emergency Vehicles stuck, but
the ambulance was also. This situation was on a private road, and Mr. Tracy was not sure of what to
do in a situation like that. Consensus of the Board, Mr. Webber, and Mr. Biggar would to do anything
possible to help in those situations. The Emergency crew could call at anytime when in need during
the time of an Emergency.

Kim Tracy also questioned if the Board would like to be involved in the event that a new Fire Chief is
voted on. Don Carroll stated that the Board has never been involved before, but Terry White felt there
should be some over-sight.

J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION Nothing.
L. PLANNING BOARD Some Planning Board Members will attending an up-coming training and at the
February Planning Board Meeting the Board discussed the Certificate of Occupancy Permit and came
up with a recommendation for the Board of Selectmen to be presented at the March 9th Selectmen’s
Meeting.

M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION The Town at this point owes approximately $2,000.00 for
under tonnage fees. The town is approximately down 177 tons.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER John Biggar was present and stated they he is just waiting for mud season.
The roads are posted and are in good shape going into Spring. Also noted was “if the temperature is
below 32% (freezing) for 3 consecutive hours and there is no standing water” the posted roads can be
traveled upon.

Richard Webber reported the Board that there is only 500 to 600 yards of salt/sand mix left.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Don Carroll attended a meeting in Augusta and informed the Board of
the new potential laws in session at this time. Some are good and some are bad (Dons has the copies
if the board would like to read them), but none of them have been passed at this time.
Q. TREASURER Foreclosures were closed as of today.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Nothing.
T. OTHER Diane Lacadie passed out the latest draft of the Personnel Policy to be reviewed by the
Board.

V. TRAINING
Planning Board training coming up in March.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Jim Palmer requested to have the snow pushed back or removed on Everett's landing. Don Carroll
explained the town is only allowed to maintain the driving surface to safe and passable
conditions.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m.

____________________________________Donald Carroll

____________________________________Brenda Clark

____________________________________Lois Hawes

____________________________________George Hockstadter

____________________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING

   The meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

   Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

   1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2011

      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve
      the February 23, 2011 Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

   None.

D. WARRANT

   Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 48

      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #48.

   Expenditures – Approve warrant # 47 & # 49

      Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #47.
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #49.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve an Abatement for Leslie Merrill in the amount of $1,367.26. Assessing Agent Danielle Smith had noted that Mr. Merrill has 5 properties, and she had only completed 4 of the 5 to farm land.

      Consensus of the Board was to keep and store the old Real Estate file cards and store them upstairs. The new sketch plan program has been installed and working well.
      Consensus of the Board concerning the tax acquired property on the Mullen Road of which Kyle Allard was the winning bid was going to be awarded to the second highest bidder if Mr. Allard did not pay within the week.

      Don Carroll also reported to the Board that the increase from the State as previously reported as 12 million was only $142,000.
II. OLD BUSINESS

Consensus of the Board was to adopt and sign the new Personnel Policy into effect at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Mowing Contract

Copies of all Contracts were distributed to the Board. The Municipal Mowing Contract was tabled to the next Selectmen's Meeting to allow the Board Members time to go over the contract.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL  Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD  Nothing.
C. CEMETERY  Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  Nothing.
E. E911  Nothing.
F. EDUCATION  March 16th meeting announced.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE  Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE  Kim Tracy was present, and requested that the 2011/2012 Budget Request remain the same at $4,350.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT  Kim Tracy also requested that the 2011/2012 Budget Request remain the same at $19,500. Kim also addressed the Board with a bill of $1,494.95 to repair the 2002 Fire Truck. Kim requested that the bill be paid out of the Maintenance Reserve Account instead of the Fire Departments operational account. Consensus of the Board was to approve the request for the repairs on the 2002 truck and for the funds to come from the Maintenance Reserve Account. Kim informed the Board that there are no concerns with Hermon Ambulance Service. Stetson services will remain the same. Kim also reported that there are now 10 crewmen on the department.
J. MEETINGHOUSE  Barry Witham is fixing the security light on the outside of the building. Lois Hawes also noted that the button on the inside door was not properly locked.
K. PARKS & RECREATION  There will be an upcoming Easter Party.
L. PLANNING BOARD  Working on Certificate of Occupancy.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR  Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER  John Biggar was present, and reminded us all that mud season is upon us. The E-mail from Peter Coughlin was also noted to remove the sand piled outside into the Salt and Sand Shed.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  Nothing.
Q. TREASURER  Diane Lacadie explained to the Board the upcoming schedule of the mandated changes from Motor Vehicle. This will consist of closing the office for an on-line seminar in hopes the changes are uploaded for the next day to allow us to operate.
Diane Lacadie also informed the Action Plan mandated by the MMA Risk Management has been completed and MMA has been notified as such. I.e. Electrical repairs at the Fire Station/Library complex.

V. TRAINING

There is an Elected Officials Workshop in Augusta on July 7th, 2011.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Leighton addressed the Board with the following question: Mr. Leighton wanted to know who authorized the purchase of additional salt and sand. Don Carroll informed Mr. Leighton that he himself authorized the salt and sand. Mr. Leighton then wanted to know why the additional purchase was not discussed at the previous Selectmen’s Meeting when the board was told there was approximately 500 to 600 yards left. Again Don Carroll explained that the town was hoping that would be enough to get us through the winter, but we had a bad storm that week-end, and additional salt and sand was then needed. The other board members had previously authorized Don Carroll to make road decisions.

Marlene Webber was also given a copy of the insurance guidelines recommended by MMA dealing with Stetson Days.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Brenda Clark

Also questioned why the Board was not told the night of the Selectmen’s Meeting that additional salt and sand would be needed. Again it was because of the additional storm. Brenda also questioned why the plowing and or salt and sand trucks would maintain the Coboro Road to the end of the hot top and then turn around and 3 to 4 hours later come back and do the dirt part of the Coboro Road. Brenda stated by turning around and coming back at a later time would seem to constitute double dipping with the fuel surcharge and questioned if there was a reason that the whole road was not completed at the same time period. Mr. Webber responded by saying it requires a different truck to maintain the dirt roads then it does the hot top roads, one truck is a wheeler for hot topped roads, and the other truck is a single axle truck required for safety on the dirt roads.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session per 1 MRSA Section § 405 (6) (A). Personnel Issues
Time: 6:50 p.m.

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Don Carroll, it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting.
Time: 7:35 p.m.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted as the result of Executive Session to request a meeting with all Board members and Richard and Marlene Webber to discuss issues of concern with the Board and the Webbers.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE WITH ONLY 2 BOARD MEMBERS AS RESULT OF RECOMMENDATION FROM MMA LEGAL ADVISE THAT THIS MEETING WOULD NOT FALL UNDER ONE OF THE PERMITTED EXECUTIVE SESSION LAWS.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

_______________________________Donald Carroll
_______________________________Brenda Clark
_______________________________Lois Hawes
_______________________________George Hockstadter
_______________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2011

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve the March 9, 2011 Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

None.

D. WARRANT

Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #51

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #51.

Expenditures – Approve warrant #50 & #52

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #50.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 3 to 2 to approve Warrant #52. (Lois Hawes and Brenda Clark abstaining)

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to transfer $43,000.00 from the Undesignated Account to the Checking Account to cover the Warrants.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Nothing.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Acquired Property (Mullen Road)

Discussion took place on whether or not to accept the second highest bidder or to put the property back out to bid by advertisement.
Upon motion by Brenda, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to put the property back out to bid by advertisement.

2. Personnel Policy

Administrative Assistant, Diane Lacadie requested adoption of the newly developed Personnel Policy be table until the MMA training and class dealing with Personnel Policies on April 26, 2011. Consensus of the Board was to adopt and put the new Personnel Policy on July 01, 2011 (new fiscal year).

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal & Cemetery mowing contract

Consensus of the Board was to put these contracts for advertisement and bid in the Rolling Thunder out to bid and bids due back for the April 13, 2011 Selectmen’s Meeting.

2. Length of time meeting minutes left on website

The Board discussed the practice of where and how the paper copies of the meeting minutes are kept and what benefit if any would there be if they stayed on the website indefinitely. Selectmen, Terry White will speak with Jeff Perry about the preservation of the meeting minutes.

3. Beacon of Light Church Group would like to use Meeting House every Sunday from 10 am – 12 pm and every other Wednesday from 7 pm – 9 pm

Melvin Yoder of the Church was present, and expressed they use the upstairs for the prayer meetings, and the down stairs for the meal after on Sundays. We use just the upstairs on Wednesday from 7 to 9. The congregation at this time is consist of approximately 8 or 9 families. Don Carroll expressed that the Town of Stetson has a bad history of renting to church groups. They had issues with street hockey being played downstairs without supervision and holes in the wall and the payments agreed upon were never made. At this time we would need a sizeable deposit up front. Lois Hawes stated that this group has done a fine job cleaning up and she has seen no issues with any damages. Don Carroll stated that he would be satisfied with a $500.00 returnable deposit if no damages, and $100.00 per month to cover expenses. George Hockstadter felt the monthly fee should be more than $100.00 per month because of the cost of fuel etc and also questioned the status of the Meeting House Trustees. Don Carroll explained that they have not been active for at least two years.

Mr. Brown was also present, and expressed that he already has the Meeting House reserved for the last Sunday in June and wanted to make sure that would be honored. The board agreed that his reservation would be honored. Consensus of the Board was to collect a $500.00 deposit (refundable if there are no damages) and $100.00 a month for the use of the Meeting House. The key would have to be returned every Monday as that his the Town Policy and cannot be changed for one person and previous commitments will be honored.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY The Board signed a Cemetery Deed.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
E. E911 Nothing.
F. EDUCATION Don Carroll and Brenda Clark attended the meeting at the school last week and were informed that the school budget has increased by approximately $100,000.00 and no decision has been made as of yet on closing the school. Don stated he feels it is not worth the savings of closing the school, and that a referendum vote will most likely be necessary.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION Baseball sign-ups are presently taking place and the next event planned will be the Easter Party.
L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Sullivan’s as offered to extend the present contract for another year with no increase.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER John Bigger was present and reported that they are trying to keep up with the mud. Lois Hawes requested a couple yards of gravel for Mr. Morse’s driveway for allowing his driveway to be a turn-a-round to the busses.

P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Don Carroll attended a meeting last Thursday in Augusta and there is nothing new and everything is still in committee. No votes have been placed as of yet. Peter Coughlin suggested that the Town of Stetson write a letter to the Chairman of DOT about the reimbursement of the Salt and Sand Shed, that vote for reimbursement will be coming up in 2 months.

Q. TREASURER Diane expressed that one more Budget workshop needs to be held to plug in the final figure on salaries and to go over the Warrant Articles for Town Meeting. Diane had also received a request from the Library Board to be allowed to purchase 2 new screens for the windows out of the Library/Fire Station Complex Account. Don Carroll stated he believes the screens are in the building and will check, if not 2 new screens could be purchased.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Don Carroll noted that there are a lot of chutes coming up in the flower bed.

T. OTHER Nothing.

V. TRAINING The Motor Vehicle training and change over is coming soon.
VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

____________________________________Donald Carroll –Chair
____________________________________Brenda Clark
____________________________________Lois Hawes
____________________________________George Hockstadter
____________________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by Diane Lacadie
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN’S MINUTES
Date: April 13, 2011

Public Hearing
Budget
5 PM – 6PM

(Board Members present for Budget Hearing were Don Carroll, Brenda Clark and George Hockstadter)
Don Carroll reported the upcoming proposed budget to the public and asked if there were any questions or concerns: The only questions were dealing with the proposed closing of the school and concerns of contractual services going out to bid.

I. OPEN MEETING
The Meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2011
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve the April 13, 2011 Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None.

D. WARRANT
Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 53 & # 55
Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #53.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant # 55.

Expenditures – Approve warrant # 54 & # 56
Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #54.
Warrant #56 enclosed a bill from Charles Merrill for pushing the banks back on Everett’s
Landing. Connie Merrill being present explained that process needed to be done. Although this work was not approved prior to work being completed, the consensus of the Board was to pay Charles Merrill’s bill.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant # 56.

Consensus of the Board was to transfer $4,000.00 from the undesignated account to the checking account to cover the above warrants.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

1. Imhof Rd – Willima Villari property

Don Carroll explained that the above property has been foreclosed on by the Town. It consists of 123 acres with lake frontage. It sold 5 years ago for $135,000 and the 90 day waiting period will be over in May. Don suggests that the Town does extensive Legal research into searching for any relatives or heirs to this property prior to doing anything with the property.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Bids for Mowing and Cleaning

Municipal Bids:

1. Top to Bottom $2,500.00
2. Joe Gray $6,000.00
3. Tyler Jenkins $1,500.00
4. S&S Energy $5,695.00
5. Thibodeau Lawn Care $1,450.00
6. Complete Home Maint. $5,500.00
7. Wolf River $4,995.00
8. Walt Gagnon $1,600.00

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to award Thibodeau Lawn Care the Municipal Mowing Contract in the amount of $1,450.00.

Cemetery Bids:

1. Thibodeau Lawn Care $5,565.00
2. Complete Home Maint. $10,800.00
3. Joe Gray $15,600.00
4. Tyler Jenkins $6,160.00
5. Top to Bottom $8,000.00
6. Walter Gagnon $6,300.00

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to award Thibodeau Lawn Care the Cemetery Contract in the amount of $5,565.00.

Cleaning Bids:

1. Central Maine Cleaning $3,600.00
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to award the Cleaning Contract to Wayne Hawes Sr. in the amount of $4,500.00.

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Salt Bid
   This was an invitation to bid from Penobscot County. Don will fill out the paper work and send it in.

2. Bangor Humane Society Contract
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to sign the contract.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
A. ANIMAL CONTROL  Don Carroll addressed the letter that the board had received concerning a dog complaint. The opinion of the Board was this was a “dog at large” complaint and the dog was not a threat.
B. APPEALS BOARD  Nothing.
C. CEMETERY  Put a notice in the Rolling Thunder to remove decorations that are no longer of value. The cemeteries will be cleaned up the second week of May.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  The assessing for 2012 has started and there is another 4 to 5 weeks before completion.
E. E911  Noted Post office issues concerning apartments.
F. EDUCATION  There has been a vote to close the school and more information and dates are to follow concerning the next step in the process.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE  Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE  see below
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT  Kim Tracy was present and stated the Fire Department elections for Officers will be held in June.
J. MEETINGHOUSE  Connie Merrill was present, and the Board requested that the Meetinghouse Trustees be contacted and asked to meet quarterly and if interested in being appointed for another year.
K. PARKS & RECREATION  Baseball is being started, and the upcoming Easter party is this Saturday.
L. PLANNING BOARD  Certificate of Occupancy to be completed for April 27, 2011 Selectmen’s meeting.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR  Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER  Not present.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  Nothing.
Q. TREASURER  Workman’s Comp report and refund of Good Standing: Refunds received for Stetson
   2009  $ 82.00
   2010  $118.00
Good Job to the Town of Stetson
2011 $297.00
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Looks Nice / Thank you Marlene Webber.
T. OTHER Nothing.

V. TRAINING Robert Frappier attended the training for the Board of Appeals. Marlene Webber cancelled her training.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Kevin Daigle – RE: Tasker Property
   John Williams and Kevin Daigle were present and requested an extension of the above foreclosed property and to pay $3,000.00 by the 24th of April and the balance in 90 days (from May). Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, the extension was unanimously granted.

   Connie Merrill: Questioned who gave John Biggar and Richard Webber permission to mark the trees on Everett’s Landing. Don Carroll stated that he did, “we wanted to clear the side of the road and push the snow back, but your husband said no.” Mrs. Merrill stated that Charles Merrill should have been asked or notified before they did the marking. Don Carroll replied by stating, “we assumed we had a right-of-way, but found out we do not, we can only maintain the surface of the road width.” Brenda Clark stated that the Oct. 28, 2010 minutes state that there would be 40 to 45 trees in question, but 108 are presently marked? Don Carroll stated the lack of communication will not happen again, we also should have been notified before Charles did the work down there and submitted a bill.

   Melodie Bellefleur: Questioned why the Board approved paying Charles? Melodie remembered when Mark Merrill put calcium on the road and that bill was not approved to be paid. The informed Melodie that calcium is personnel for dust reasons, and snow removal is because of a hazard.

   Delores Butler: Stated Don Carroll seems to approve a lot on his own. The Board informed her that they previously voted to have Don make the decisions on road issues in between meetings.

   Donna Archer: Questioned when the plowing and recycling bid will be put out to bid, is it before Town Meeting? Don Carroll explained that the contracts are approved contingent on Town Meeting approval. Don stated that if both parties (Board of Selectmen and Contractor) are willing, any contracts can be extended a year. Don also stated that we (the town) would be hard pressed to find contractors that we are happier with than the ones we have now, Webber does a fine job and the roads, and Jerry Sullivan is very dependable and has agreed to extend his contract with
no increase.

Connie Merrill: Remembered that it was requested one year to put a vote out to the residents about the possibility of buying our own equipment, has anyone researched that? Don Carroll informed her that it was put to a vote and it was denied.

Donna Miles: Questioned when would be the next time there will be names added to the War Memorial out front, she would like to have her Father’s name added to the stone. Don stated that we will put an ad in the News Letter notifying residents that it is being done. Donna also questioned the potential School closing. Don stated that it was voted to close the school during the budget process, but now it will be voted on by the town by referendum. The Stetson residents have a 10 day window in which to write their concerns to the Department of Education, and then a 20 day window in which to hold the referendum vote.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Brenda Clark: Addressed the Board and the Public by reading a letter she had written addressing her concerns as a Selectmen and a resident. Highlights being, respect amongst Board Members and Residents at all times. Brenda felt that some concerns were not being properly dealt with and that “we all” need to work harder in the job that we were voted into office to do.

Lois Hawes: Lois also stated that her disappointment is “pure conduct” with both some of the board members and some of the residents. She is tired of the name calling and nothing settled that the board is dealing with. Lois noted a senior citizen called the Webbers to complain about a mailbox being knocked down and was told “that she was so old; she probably could not see the mailbox.” Lois also noted the tape recording of the meeting with Terry White, Don Carroll, Richard Webber and Marlene Webber by saying, “she is a crazy woman and her brother (Willy) is even worse. Lois felt that those comments and issues should not have been brought up by the person or persons conducting the meeting. Lois felt those that were conducting the meeting should have not only made those comments, but should have stopped any of those comments being made. Lois stated, (quoting the tape recording) “I can be as bitch, but I am not crazy.” Lois also confirmed that she is not running for Selectmen again, not because of name calling, but because the lack of respect from some fellow Board Members and some residents. Lois feels that Charles Leighton whom is running for Selectmen will be respected and heard if elected.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matters  1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. sec405(6)(A).

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session and back into Public Session and to take no action at this time as the result of the Executive Session.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m,

_______________________________Donald Carroll
_______________________________Brenda Clark
_______________________________Lois Hawes
_______________________________George Hockstadter
_______________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN’S MINUTES
Date: April 27, 2011

I. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Public was asked to remain standing to dedicate a moment of silence for Gary Bellefleur Jr.’s 1 year anniversary of his death.

A. ROLL CALL

Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2011

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve the April 13, 2001 Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

None.

D. WARRANT

Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 57

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #57.

Expenditures – Approve warrant # 58

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #58.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Consensus of the Board was to approve a Personal Property Abatement for Gary Bellefleur Jr. (the store) in the amount of $163.11.

Don Carroll reported that Danielle and he had done some assessing today.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Acquired – Mullen Road Property

3 Bids were submitted:

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Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to award the bid to Dan Ready in the amount of $7,800.00.

2. Signing of Contracts – Mowing / Cleaning

Consensus of the Board was to sign 2 copies of the contracts, one for the office, and one for the contractor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Report Cover
   - **Terry White recommended oldest Town resident (Avis Wilson)**
   - **Lois Hawes recommended the School because of the possible closing.**
   - **Don Carroll stated he would like to use both. School on the front of the cover, and Avis Wilson on the inside cover.**
   - Consensus of the Board was to put School on the front cover, and Avis Wilson on the inside of the cover.

2. Election Dates
   - **Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to change the Election Date from June 14, 2011 to June 7, 2011 to allow Town Election, Town Referendum, and School Referendum to be all done at one time. (This date is necessary for the time line of the Schools legalities)**

3. Town Referendum Ballot
   - The proposed Town Referendum Ballot (dealing with the bid process) was previewed and read aloud. The wording recommended from the Maine Municipal Assoc.
   - Consensus of the Board was to approve the wording of the Referendum Ballot.

4. Town Meeting Warrant Articles
   - **Lois Hawes questioned if some of the Articles could read:**
     “Recommended by Majority of the Board of Selectmen” and the answer is yes, and will be done.
   - **Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the Town Meeting Warrant Articles.**

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL
   - **Don Carroll addressed the letter the Board has received concerning “dangerous or aggressive dogs”. Don reported that he went to the residence and the dogs were very friendly and were not a threat. The only issue is the dogs are at large a lot because the children in the residence open the door and let them out a lot.**

B. APPEALS BOARD
   - **Robert Frappier reported that there are only presently 4 member of the Board of Appeals and is concerned of a tie vote. Don Carroll will put in the next News Letter that the Town is seeking members for the Appeals Board.**

C. CEMETERY
   - Wording for Rolling Thunder has been corrected, and the Sheriff’s work crew will be here the week of May 9th.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
   - **Nothing.**

E. E911
   - **Nothing.**
F. EDUCATION  Referendum Vote on June 7, 2011
G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE  Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE  Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT  Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE  Connie Merrill reported that the Trustees have met, and she will provide a copy of those minutes to the Selectmen. The Trustees still interested are Connie Merrill, Theresa Gray, Janet Rush, and Sandra Lovejoy. Don Carroll also reported that the water heater has been scheduled to be repaired.
K. PARKS & RECREATION  Reported that there were 30 plus children at the Easter party and fun was had by all!
L. PLANNING BOARD
   1. Certificate of Occupancy Permit
      Diane passed out a proposed copy of the Permit for the Board to look over for the next regular Selectmen's Meeting and bring back any questions or concerns. There was some discussion as to whether the Permit will apply to all new building, or only those requiring the Permit for Bank Financing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR  Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER  John Biggar was present. Don Carroll reported that John and he had met and went over the inventory of culverts. Don got bids on the prices of culverts, and the low bid was $20,534.46 and would receive an extra 10% off if the invoice is paid by the tenth of the month from Paris Farms:
   6 - 15” x 20’
   26 - 24” x 24’
   4 - 36” x 20’
   6 - 12 ½ ‘ x 432’ long roll of fabric
   4 - 15’ x 360’ long roll of fabric
Don Carroll stated that he would like to order the culverts now and store them in the Salt and Sand shed. This quoted price above is only good for 15 days because of potential price increases. Don stated we have the funds ($44,000 in the Road Improvement Account) and the place to store them. John stated that 6 or 7 culverts are needed on the Wolfeboro Road, and the Town has had good luck with Paris Farms. Richard Webber reported that there are still 2 rolls of fabric left that will do approximately 400 feet of road.
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to order and purchase the culverts now.
John also reported that there are 2 severely broken up spots on the Merrill Road and that grading will continue when the roads dry up some more.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  Don Carroll reported that there will be a vote next week on some of the proposed laws.
Q. TREASURER  Nothing.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR  Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  Brenda Clark will take a picture of the Memorial when it is in full bloom in the event that the Board would like to use that for the next Town Report.
T. OTHER

V. TRAINING
Diane’s training (Labor and Employment Law) will be rescheduled at a later date because the class was full and MMA will be hopefully doing another one to allow all that wanted to attend a chance to do so.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Delores Butler: stated that it was the Planning Board’s intentions to enforce the Certificate of Occupancy permit only when required by the Bank. Don stated that could be determined as discrimination, and feels all new construction in town should require the Permit. Both Delores and Don agreed that it will be discussed at the next Planning Board Meeting (May 19, 2011).

Charles Leighton: reported that the street light on Pole 5 on the Stetson Road is still out. The office has reported it before, but will do so again.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Approved by:

_________________________ Donald Carroll
_________________________ Brenda Clark
_________________________ Lois Hawes
_________________________ George Hockstadter
Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, and George Hockstadter. (Terry White was out of Town)

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2011
2. Approve Special Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2011

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve both the April 27, 2011 and the May 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes as written.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

None.

D. WARRANT

Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #60

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #60.

Expenditures – Approve warrant # 59 & # 61

Upon motion George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #59.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Don Carroll it was voted 2 (George and Don) to approve Warrant #61, and 2 (Brenda and Lois) not to approve Warrant # 61.

Lois Hawes questioned the payment to the Attorney office (Farrell, Rosenblatt, & Russell) Lois felt that the advise needed dealing with Public Information had all ready been given by MMA Legal and the town did not have to spend another $87.00 for the same information.

Lois Hawes also stated that she will not approve the $720.00 that was submitted on the bill from RJ Webber dealing with the Burleigh Road and Loon Cove.

Brenda Clark stated that she will not approve the $1,620.00 that was submitted on the bill from RJ Webber dealing with the Coboro Road and Mount Pleasant Road.

Results of Warrant Approval: All checks could be released because the above vote would allow 3 to 1 on both Farrell, Rosenblatt & Russell and RJ Webber’s checks.

Consensus of the Board was to transfer $100,000.00 form the checking account to the Undesignated Account.
E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Don Carroll reported that the Assessing should be completed in the next two Wednesdays. (May 29, 2011)

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Acquired – Mullen Road Property – Extension

Mr. Ready (winning bidder) contacted Don Carroll and requested an Extension on his balance of the bid until May 31, 2011. Mr. Ready was aware that extensions had been given before and also needed the extension. Don Carroll stated that there would see no problem granting the extension until May 31, 2011, but if the balance ($7,600.00) is not paid in full by May 31, 2011 then Mr. Ready will forfeit his $200.00 deposit.

Consensus of the Board was to allow the extension until May 31, 2011.

2. Certificate of Occupancy

Consensus of the Board was to table this agenda item for a full Board. Don Carroll did report that he had spoken with MMA and was informed that the Certificate of Occupancy will be part of the New Building Code and needs to be in place for all building permits, not just the permits needing Bank financing as the Planning Board had intended.

III. NEW BUSINESS

The Board signed a letter thanking Ernest Desrosiers for his years of service monitoring Pleasant Lake and reporting the Water Quality Summary every year to the Town of Stetson.

(Lois Hawes requested that the spelling of her name be checked and verified by the office concerning documents that require signatures from the Board)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.

B. APPEALS BOARD Don will put the word out in the News Letter requesting more members.

C. CEMETERY Don Carroll reported that the inmates have been raking leaves in the cemeteries all week. Two cemeteries have been completed and the Coboro Cemetery will be worked on tomorrow. If they do not complete Coboro cemetery, then the Board will have to hire someone to finish the cemeteries before Memorial Day. Don also stated that we need someone to fix the lawns at the Town Office and the Meeting House.

Don also requested that the office keep a file of the actual ads that are placed in the Rolling Thunder newspaper for future reference.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.

E. E911 Nothing.

F. EDUCATION Don reminded the Board and the Public of the informational meeting taking place May 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Meeting House and encouraged all to attend.

G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE Nothing.

H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.

J. MEETINGHOUSE Lois Hawes stated that the church that is renting the Meeting House should be thanked for the excellent job that they are doing at keeping our building clean and taking care of it the way we would all like to see.

Connie Merrill being present, stated that the Meeting House Trustees would meet as often as the Board of Selectmen would like them to meet.
Don Carroll reported that towns have until July 1, 2011 to change their present GAT (Guaranteed Annual Tonnage). Don suggested that the Town of Stetson lower their figure. Don explained that the Town is not penalized for going over the amount committed to, but are penalized if we are below the amount committed. In 2009: 772 Tons was reported, in 2010 657 Tons was reported. Last year (2011) the Town went with 835 GAT and we did not meet that number. Consensus of the Board was to table further discussion for a full board to be present.

Appointment of Election Clerks:
See attached list:
Consensus of the Board was to appoint the list provided by Diane Lacadie.

V. TRAINING

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carolyn Merrill: questioned when the holes will be patched on Lapoint Road. She noticed that some holes have been done, but when being done there is a lot of water and the patching does not stay in place. Connie also stated that when MEN are present at a meeting, their hats should be removed! Connie reminded the Board that Mr. Webber is not the Road Commissioner, John Biggar is and noted that the Merrill Road is in terrible shape.

Don Carroll: stated that the present detour is destroying our roads, and he has contacted Michaud and Collin’s office to request a temporary waiver for the weight increase on the interstate from the present 80,000 lbs back to 100,000 lbs.

Charles Leighton: stated that he feels the Boards priorities in dealing with the roads are off. Charles felt that the purchase and the placement of culverts are not an emergency and could be completed at a later date when and if more funds were available. Charles questioned the work on the Blasidell Road being a dead-end road, questioned the end of Mt Pleasant road being done twice, and questioned the shape of the Coboro Road from all the new homes on is a disgrace. Charles also stated that the roads are not being graded properly, the water is setting in the middle of the roads, the roads should be crowned.

Charles also questioned how the “Road Maintenance” and “Road Improvement” differ in how they 
are dispersed. Don Carroll explained that the amount of monies set forth for the “Road Improvement Acct” is decided at Town Meeting. Don went on to explain that “If you change a culvert to a DIFFERENT size, then it is Road Improvement, if you change a culvert to the SAME size, then it is Road Maintenance. Don also informed the public that John Biggar is the one to decide what he needs to complete the work at hand. Charles stated, “that may be true, but reminded the Board that it is up to the Board of Selectmen to hold the purse strings and should watch those purse strings in the best interest of the Town”.

Don Carroll: informed the Board that Terry White (not being present) had received a complaint on the Merrill Road to be graded, and stated that it is going to be done in the near future. Don also stated that he will pass the concerns of the priorities and will keep a closer eye on the dollar figures.

George Hockstadter: Stated that Coboro, Mt. Pleasant, and Blaisdell Road need work and the Board should sit down with John Biggar and discuss and set priorities.

Brenda Clark: Coboro Road is graded and smooth, Scott Webber done a good job, but there are piles of sand on both sides. Brenda also stated that by Mr. Babcock’s is not graded, and Brenda has had to replace struts and rims on her vehicle. Brenda feels that a lot of the Town’s money is out in the ditch.

Randy Randall: Stated that Coboro Road has a pile of dirt on both sides a foot high. The road is worse this year than last year. Randy also reported that the Coboro Road sign and pole are missing, it was just leaning over, but since the road has been graded, the sign is missing. Randy also questioned if there is a way to provide a ride to the hospital for his grandmother instead of calling 911. This type of instance does require a 911 call and an ambulance to arrive on scene.

Connie Merrill: reported that Kelley Merrill had called Terry White about grading the Merrill Road, Everett’s landing, and Albert’s point. The residents have waited a week and the road has not been done. Connie requested that Kelley Merrill be aloud to grade the road? Marlene Webber spoke up and stated that it has been extremely wet, but Mr. Webber will be there by the end of the week to grade the roads. Connie stated they cannot wait another week and she would prefer that Kelly Merrill do the work.

Consensus of the Board was to allow Kelley Merrill to do the grading work on Merrill Road, Everett’s Landing and Albert’s point; the town does not have a contract with Mr. Webber for all road work.

Carolyn Merrill: also questioned if Mr. Webber has a contract with the town for grading. Carolyn was told “No”, John Biggar hires the road work, and anything over $5,000 goes out to bid.

Randy Randall: stated that the roads were a lot better when Mr. Merrill was doing them.

Delores Butler: stated that there is no way Mr. Webber worked 9 hours on the Coboro Road grading on April 29, 2011 as his bill stated.

Brenda Clark: stated that Mr. Webber was on Coboro Road at 8:30 am and gone by 4:00 p.m.

Don Carroll: stated that Thibodeau, Merrill and Webber all have graders in town. Maintaining dirt roads is not an easy job and we have had the same complaints for the past 20 years and will continue to have the same complaints.

Lois Hawes: stated that Thibodeau had a gift for grading but believes he is now retired. Lois stated that there is also someone in Corrinna that does a “cracker jack” job.
George Hockstadter: stated he also sees piles of dirt on the side of some roads.
Don Carroll: will talk to John Biggar and Richard Webber. There is a school for grader drivers, and the school will actually bring the grader to your town and it operators of surrounding towns and teach them the proper way of grading. This information has been given to Mr. Biggar before, but it has never been taken advantage of.
Charles Leighton: questioned the “$5,000.00 bid limit” and asked how many times this process has been taken advantage of and the work actually gone out to bid? Don Carroll replied by stating, “Blaisdell, Burleigh, and Coboro have gone out to bid in previous years. Charles again questioned how all the work is being kept under the $5,000 bid mark???
Tina Randall: also stated that the Coboro Road by Mr. Babcock’s is atrocious even since the road has been graded. She stated that there is ledge sticking up from the road surface and she is going to loose her oil pan on her car if it is not fixed.
Don Carroll: stated that the amount of money for Road Improvements is designated at Town Meeting, and that presently there is only enough money in the budget for maintenance and emergency repairs. Don stated that the weather is bad for work on dirt roads, and will pass all of this evenings concerns on to John Biggar and require him to be at the Selectmen’s meetings to address and answer the concerns of citizens.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
Lois Hawes: addressed a complaint she had received that when culverts are put in and the tubing is removed from the new culverts to put the tubing in the trash, not to leave it on the side of the road.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Lois Hawes, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

_______________________________Donald Carroll
_______________________________Brenda Clark
_______________________________Lois Hawes
_______________________________George Hockstadter
Terry White (not present)

Minutes recorded by
Diane Lacadie
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN’S MINUTES
Date: May 25, 2011

I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2011
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Don Carroll, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve the May 22, 2011. (Terry White did not vote because he was not present at the May 11, 2011 Meeting.)

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None.

D. WARRANT
Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 62
Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #62.

Expenditures – Approve warrant # 63
Discussion took place on amount of work and Town Funds that should be spent on Loon Cove and if Loon Cove was labeled as a Private Road.
It was determined that the residents of Loon Cove previously signed a deed giving the town a right-of-way allowing the Town to plow. The State also requires that the Town maintain Loon Cove to be “Safe and Passable”
Lois Hawes felt that at the previous Selectmen's Meeting (May 11, 2011) the consensus of the Board was to only maintenance or improvement road work that was needed on an Emergency basis, and felt the amount of work and town funds that have been spent on Loon Cove recently is in no way an emergency.
Brenda Clark stated that we (the Board) should all be on the same page as what the definition of “safe and passable” means. Brenda also stated whether or not Loon Cove is a private road or not, the Board should be united on the work that is to be done. Brenda stated that $10,000 was spent on Loon Cove in the beginning and should have pre-approval from the Board before work is done.
Don Carroll stated that these complaints and concerns from the Board should be addressed with the Road Commissioner, not the Chairman of Selectmen. Don being the contact in
dealing with the roads felt that the Road Commissioner (John Biggar) had stated that Loon Cove needed ditching (Lois Hawes stated that only one side has been ditched). Don Carroll also stated that the plowing may be damaging the road. Don Carroll also explained to the Board that the State gives the towns money every year towards roads, and Loon Cove is on that list.

Terry White clarified that it was John Biggar who decided to do the present work to make Loon Cove “safe and passable”? The Board can choose to pay or not pay the bill from Mr. Webber or get sued??? Terry questioned if the payment of the bill is delayed for further clarification of the road status??????

George Hockstadter stated the Loon Cove had been previously accepted as a Town road at an earlier Town Meeting and that Loon Cove is not a “Private Road”, it is a “Town Road”.

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark it was voted 2 to 3 to approve Warrant #63 with the exception of the expenses dealing with Loon Cove. (NOTED 2 voting YES, and 3 voting NO; therefore the entire Warrant was approved by majority vote)

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Don Carroll reported that they are still working and the Assessing should be completed in another full day of work.

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. Tax Acquired – Mullen Road Property – Refund Request
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted NOT to refund the $200.00 dollars deposit.

III. NEW BUSINESS
The Board signed a Thank-you Letter thanking the inmates for their work in the Town of Stetson. (see attached)
Pole Permit was signed for Wayne Small.
Transco Contract was signed by the Board.
MMA Vote was cast for Laurie Smith of Wiscasset for Executive Committee Member.
Don Carroll also requested permission to seek prices for siding the front of the Town Office Building and to get rid of the light on the front of the building. (Consensus of the Board was to seek the prices and bring that information back to the Board for further discussion.)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY Don Carroll reported that the inmates had raked for 4 days and did not complete the work at the cemeteries or the cleanup of the dirt at the town office. Therefore Chris Baker was hired to complete these projects before the Memorial Weekend.
Lois Hawes questioned why someone was hired to finish the clean-up. She felt the clean-up was part of the Mowing contracts. Don stated he will read the contracts.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER The Board accepted the resignation letter presented by Danielle Smith (see attached). There will be an ad in the Rolling Thunder and Danielle will stay on Board until a new CEO is in place.
E. E911 Nothing.

F. EDUCATION The closer referendum was noted for June 7th, and also noted the budget vote that will take place on June 30. As of this moment the Stetson share of the RSU budget will be $687,270 is the Elementary School is to close, and $792,683 is the Elementary School is to remain open.

G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE Nothing.

H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.

J. MEETINGHOUSE Connie Merrill of the meeting house trustees was present and reported that the flower bed is being worked on.

K. PARKS & RECREATION Nothing.

L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.

M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.

N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.

O. ROAD COMMISSIONER Not Present.

P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Don Carroll reported that Congressman Mike Michaud had returned his call and informed him that there is nothing that can be done at this time to deal with the truck detours in the town of Stetson and that the DOT does not want to discuss the possible reimbursement to Towns in dealing with damage to town roads. On June 16th, there will be a vote dealing with the weight limit on Interstate 95 to again increase the limit from 80,000 to 100,000.

Q. TREASURER Diane Lacadie reported that MMA is researching Stetson's request to increase the value of the stained glass windows at the Meetinghouse.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Don Carroll reported that the Audit has been completed by Augusta for the General Assistance program and it stated that the Town of Stetson is in compliance with all state and federal regulations. The Board thanked Diane Lacadie for her work in complying with that Audit.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Marlene Webber informed the board that the Memorial arrangements will be placed by Saturday morning.

T. OTHER Discussion took place on the trailer on Rte 222 that the Town has deemed uninhabitable. Numerous reports have come into the office stating that occupants are presently living there. The CEO went to the trailer on Wednesday (May 25, 2011) and it is her opinion that the occupants are living there. The CEO (Danielle Smith) informed the occupants that under no uncertain terms can they be staying there or using any sources of plumbing for water to do anything (laundry, shower, dishes, etc.) Because of the unsafe conditions, and the fact of 4 very young children in question, the Board has requested that the Town attorney be called to inquiring about getting a court order to remove the family.

V. TRAINING None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS Joyce Doher questioned why the flags on the poles were not up yet in the Town of Stetson. Brenda Clark informed Miss Doher that they are up. Miss Doher apologized and thanked Brenda for her time and efforts in dealing with the flags in town.
VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Lois Hawes: Informed the Board that she had received a complaint from Mr. Booth stating that Mr. Richard Webber had told Mr. Booth that the logging truck were not allowed on Loon Cove and in fact also stated that the Selectmen were behind this decision.

George Hockstadter: Questioned if the minutes could be verbatim verbal record. Consensus of the Board was that is not possible, and if that is the way George would like it, the meetings can be tape recorded for that record.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lois Hawes Requested Personnel Matters - 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

Discussion of Confidential Records - 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F)

Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (1 M. R.S. A sec 405(6)(A) and Confidential Records (1 M.R.S.A. sec 405 (6)(F). Time 7:35 p.m.

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session and to take No Action at this time as the result of Executive Session. Time 8:15 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

_______________________________ Donald Carroll
_______________________________ Brenda Clark
_______________________________ Lois Hawes
_______________________________ George Hockstadter
_______________________________ Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN’S MINUTES
Date: June 8, 2011

I. OPEN MEETING
   The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

   A. ROLL CALL
      Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Lois Hawes, George Hockstadter, and Terry White.

   B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
      Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2011
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve the
      May 25th, 2011 Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes.

   C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
      None.

   D. WARRANT
      Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 65
      Upon motion Lois Hawes, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve
      Warrant #65.

      Expenditures – Approve warrant # 64 & # 66
      Upon motion by Lois Hawes, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve
      Warrant #64.
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was voted 3 to 2 to approve
      Warrant #65. (3 voting YES, 2 abstaining).

   E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
      Don Carroll reported the Assessing is completed and requested the Board’s approval for a tank of
gas.
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Lois Hawes, it was unanimously approved to allow Don
      Carroll a tank of gas to compensate for the fuel used for assessing.

II. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Tax Acquired Property - (Mullen Road)
      Don Carroll reported that there is more controversy with the Mullen Road property and the winning
      bidder has again opted out of purchasing the property and his attorney has requested that the Town
issue the $200.00 refund given for the deposit. Diane Lacadie expressed concerns about issuing a refund before and not doing the same this time. The Town would spend more than $200.00 in a legal battle.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to refund Mr. Ready his $200.00 deposit.

Terry White informed the Board that Charles Craig was still very much interested the property and felt it should be offered to Charles Craig before going back out to bid.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to sell the Mullen Road property to Charles Craig (3rd highest bidder, 2nd highest bidder was no longer interested) in the amount of $3,500.00.

2. Personnel Policy

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adopt the new Personnel Policy for the Town of Stetson.

Don Carroll also reported that he has only received 1 bid for the siding project on the front of the building at the Town Office. Don put out 3 feelers to different companies, but only one responded. Bellefleur & Son Advanced Roofing, Inc.:

$2,180.00 (to supply and install new vinyl siding and J channel on front entrance side only, remove and dispose of old siding taken from front side entrance.

Lois stated by waiting to have this needed project done, it would only be more expensive.

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to have the siding completed by the end of the fiscal year

III. NEW BUSINESS

Don Carroll delivered a trivia question to the Board........

What was the change in population in the Town of Stetson from 2001 to 2010 reported by the Census?

2001    -    981 residents
2010    -    1202 residents
An increase of 25.5%.

Election results were also reported:

Elected was:

Selectmen:     Charles Leighton
School Board    Jodi Brasslett
Road Commissioner: William Barriault

School will remain open
Town projects will go out to bid.

The Board of Selectmen publicly thanked Kathleen Snow for her years of Service to the School Board.

Brenda Clark reported that the Town Scholarship was awarded to Melissa Prescott in the amount of $1,000.00. Melissa was accepted at 3 colleges and was the only one to apply for the scholarship.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
A. ANIMAL CONTROL  Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD  Nothing.
C. CEMETERY  Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  Don Carroll reported that the person he had spoken with concerning the CEO is not interested. Don also reported that Dalton Mullis of Corrinna has agreed to come to Stetson temporarily for now if needed, and will come permanently after he retires as Corrinna's Town Manager. Don will also contact another potential CEO in Winterport. Danielle Smith will stay on as CEO until we find a replacement.
E. E911  Nothing.
F. EDUCATION
   1. New Figures
      The new potential budget figure for the school with the school remaining open is $783,148.00
   2. Dates of Meeting and Referendum
      The meeting for the Board of Directors to approve the Budget is scheduled for June 27, 2011 at the Junior High School in Corinth.
      The Elections for the Referendum approval is scheduled for June 30, 2011.
G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE  Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE  Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT  Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE  Don Carroll reported that we have received a request on data concerning the municipal owned buildings. Questions of year built, square footage, etc. Charles Leighton reported that he believes the Meetinghouse was built in 1843, but was not sure what year the Town Office was built.
K. PARKS & RECREATION  Nothing.
L. PLANNING BOARD  Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR  Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
   1. GAT Trade
   2. Penalty Payment
      Don Carroll reported the penalty amount of $1,999.72 that was imposed because of the shortfall in our GAT figure. Don read the 3 options that would allow us to pay for that shortfall.
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to go with Option #3 and change this year’s GAT figure to 700. (see attached sheet for option wording.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER  Terry White questioned the large hole on the Mt. Pleasant Road, and why it was only filled with gravel and not hot patch. Don explained it was only a temporary fix until the hot patching was done.
Joyce Doher stated to the Board that she had done her research, and with the help of the Town Office, she state what the minutes said at the August meeting in 2007. That meeting stated that Loon Cove is a “Public Easement”, not a “Private Road”. Don explained that Loon Cove will be maintained as “Safe and Passable” the same as the last 20 years and would have a grader down there as soon as the money becomes available.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  Don Carroll reported that there is presently a lot of action at the State level, and will report on the upcoming bills as soon as the information is available.
Q. TREASURER  Diane requested the Boards approval for closing the office on June 30, 2011 to complete the End of Year Fiscal process and to deal with the upcoming Referendum Election of the same day.
Consensus of the Board was to close the Town Office on June 30, 2011.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR
Diane reported that Nancy Watson has completed her Health Officer training and has received her certification.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Marlene Webber reported that the condition of the Memorial flower bed has deteriorated this year and questions why within 2 weeks of “someone” being asked to take a photo of the flower garden that the majority of the flower were dead? Marlene stated that she has removed samples from the garden and is having those samples tested for pesticides.
Don Carroll stated he felt the deterioration was due to the road salt.

T. OTHER
Public Comment:
Randy Randall again questioned the road sign for the Coboro Road. He was informed that the new sign was presently in the office and would be installed soon.

V. TRAINING
NONE.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
See above.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
Lois Hawes: requested a Thank-you letter be written to Mr. and Mrs. Foss for all the flower donations that they donate to the Memorial Park at the Town Office.
Lois also requested a new vacuum cleaner as the upright has finally burnt out.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Personnel Matters - 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) – Requested by Don Carroll
Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session per law 1 M.R.S.A. sec 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters at 7:10 p.m..

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded it was unanimously voted to have Diane speak with the other to members of the office staff.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

____________________________________Donald Carroll
____________________________________Brenda Clark
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN’S MINUTES
Date: June 22, 2011

I. OPEN MEETING
   The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

   A. ROLL CALL
      Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, and Terry White were present. (Lois Hawes was absent).

   B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
      Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2011 & Town Meeting Minutes June 18, 2011
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve both the June 8, 2011, Selectmen Meeting Minutes, and the June 18, 2011 Town Meeting Minutes.

   C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
      1. Quit Claim Deed for – Charles Craig
         Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to sign Charles Craig’s Quit Claim Deed.

   D. WARRANT
      Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 67
      Upon motion by Brenda Clark, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #67.

      Expenditures – Approve warrant # 68
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #68.

   E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
      VALARI PROPERTY: Upon motion by Brenda Clark, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was voted 3 to 1 to return the foreclosed property to Mr. Valari (previous owner) for payment in full of all back taxes and expenses. (Terry White voted No.)

II. OLD BUSINESS
III. NEW BUSINESS
   1. William Villari property – IMHOF RD  
      (SEE ABOVE “BOARD OF ASSESSORS”)  

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
   A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.  
   B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.  
   C. CEMETERY Nothing.  
   D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER It was reported that there is 1 interview scheduled for Thursday for a new CEO Officer.  
   E. E911 Nothing.  
   F. EDUCATION Nothing.  
   G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE Nothing.  
   H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.  
   I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.  
   J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.  
   K. PARKS & RECREATION Nothing.  
   L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.  
   M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.  
   N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.  
   O. ROAD COMMISSIONER William Barriault (new Road Commissioner) was present, and the Board confirmed with Mr. Barriault his duties and the Board’s expectations.  
   P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Nothing.  
   Q. TREASURER Nothing.  
   R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.  
   S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Nothing.  
   T. OTHER Nothing.  

V. TRAINING Nothing.  

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Delores Butler questioned the need of a different Moderator at Town Meetings. Delores felt Mr. Grant did not speak loudly enough, and did not allow the people to discuss all they wanted on certain issues.  

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS None.  

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.  

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

____________________________________Donald Carroll
____________________________________Brenda Clark
____________________________________Lois Hawes (absent)
____________________________________George Hockstadter
____________________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Don Carroll
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN’S MINUTES
Date: July 27, 2011

I. OPEN MEETING
   Don Carroll opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
   Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, Charles Leighton, and Terry White were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
   Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve the July 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
   None.

D. WARRANT

   1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #5
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #5.

   2. Expenditures – Approve warrant #6
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #6.

      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to transfer $130,000.00 from the undesignated account to the checking account to cover the warrant.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

   1. Potential Mill Rate
      Three different potential mill rates were presented by Danielle Smith (Assessing Agent):

      | Mill rate | Overlay   |
      |-----------|-----------|
      | 0.015200  | $18,634.73|
      | 0.015400  | $32,929.06|
      | 0.015600  | $47,223.38|

      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to go with a 15.40 mill rate with an overlay of $32,929.06.
      The Selectmen commended Danielle Smith for all her hard work and the great job that had been completed for this fiscal year.
ABATEMENT FOR HEWITT: recommended by Danielle Smith. 
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Don Carroll, it was unanimously voted to approve abatement for Hewitt in the amount of $438.03

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Roadside Mowing Bids
   There were 2 bids received:
   1. Alan Clark $950.00
   2. Lambert Diesel and Welding $1,100.00 or actual of $55.00 per hour.

   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to Alan Clark's bid of $950.00.

2. Snow Plowing Contract
   Don Carroll stated he feels that the Board does not have much choice but to renew the contract for this year. Mr. Webber has stated that he will not honor the contract if there are any changes. Don stated there is not enough time to go out to bid this year, but requested better bookkeeping records for the fuel surcharge and that the town must go out to bid next year.
   Charles Leighton stated that he feels the fuel surcharge is too high along with the 6% increase Mr. Webber has already put in place. Charles also stated that he realizes that there have been winters with few storms and winter with many storms and that profit or loss has been different during previous years.
   Mr. Webber stated that he is less than anyone around and questioned if Sullivan's contract stayed the same.
   Brenda Clark stated that she would like to see the Coboro Road plowed all the way through and not back and forth.

   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Don Carroll, it was voted 3 to 2 to sign the contract as is. (Don Carroll, George Hockstadter, and Terry White voting Yes, and Brenda Clark and Charles Leighton voting NO.)

   The Board then addressed the prices of sand, and the sand and salt mixing for winter preparation:
   Richard Webber was $9.50 per yard plus $1.50 per yard for mixing.
   William Barriault was $11.50 per yard (mixing included)
   Charles Leighton questioned if the mixing could be completed inside the building? Don Carroll stated it cannot be mixed inside. Charles also stated that the amount of sand needed would be over the $5,000.00 mark and should be put out to bid. Terry White agreed with Mr. Leighton. Charles also questioned why there was over 1,000 yards rescreened last year. Webber stated because there were too many rocks.

   Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 3 to 2 to put the purchase of sand out to bid. (Charles Leighton, Brenda Clark, and Terry White)

   Don Carroll requested the help of Mr. Webber to write the ad for the bid request so that we would have the correct wording for the type of sand the town is seeking in this bid. Mr. Webber agreed
III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Monument
   Charles Leighton reported to the Board that he had been speaking with Julie Brownie about Oliver Hartwell being the only Revolutionary War Veteran and would like to redo his headstone. The headstone is very dirty and leaning. Charles stated that he had looked into the cost and Bob Creighton would fix and straighten the stone for $500.00. Julie Brownie would donate $100.00 dollars towards the cost.
   Don Carroll agreed that this is a Historical Site and should be tended to.
   Charles asked that the Board look at the stone and this can be discussed at the next meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ANIMAL CONTROL
   Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD
   Nothing.
C. CEMETERY
   Nothing.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
   Don Carroll informed the Board that Al Tempesta was no longer interested in the CEO position, and that Dalton Mullis will be starting next Tuesday and will be working from 8 to noon.
E. E911
   Nothing.
F. EDUCATION
   Nothing.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
   Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE
   Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT
   Nothing.

J. MEETINGHOUSE
   Connie Merrill reported that the Trustees have met and will continue to meet monthly. She also turned in a copy of the meeting minutes and a list of accomplishments the trustees are working on.
   Also noted was the new sign that was donated by Sign Services, and the board requested a “Thank-you” letter be sent.
   1. Weather vane
      The board received a quote to fix the steeple of $7,890.00. This kind of payment may require a Special Town Meeting to get the funds. In discussion, it was noted the possible safety issue of not fixing immediately, and how cost could be cut to lower the total bill. Diane will call Tim O'Donnell from Sunbelt rental to see if we could possible get a better price for the lift. The Board could also put out to bid to see if another company could do the job for less.
K. PARKS & RECREATION
   Stolen funds being investigated.
L. PLANNING BOARD
   Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR
   Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
   Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER
   William Barriault was present, and addressed the Loon Cove issues and
Barriault felt from the 4 way down needs gravel.

Don Carroll stated that Loon Cove is a Public Easement and needs to be maintained as safe and passable only. Don stated that there are plans to ditch and gravel down there, but it is not a top priority. Don felt it was the hot-top driveways that are creating some of the run-off issues because the driveways are higher than the road.

P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP
Nothing.

Q. TREASURER
Diane announced there would be approximately 203 “30 day notices” being mailed on Friday, and that she would be on vacation the next week.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR
Nothing.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Nothing.

T. OTHER
The URIP agreement was signed by the Board.

The board also publically thanked Peter Webb and Terrance Withee for maintaining the damn for many years.

V. TRAINING
Diane Lacadie completed the Payroll and 1099 workshop.
MMA convention dates were noted for those whom would like to attend.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Numerous Loon Cove residents were in attendance and addressed their issues and concerns with Loon Cove:
Bill Chadwick, Robert Pitchford, Joyce Doher, Ernest Deroche, Peter Webb, Ray Gallant, Pat Withee and Constance Goslin.
Some of these residents were unhappy with the maintenance of the road and felt fabric and gravel were needed in areas. Some felt they pay quite a percentage of the taxes in town and should get more for their money.
Don Carroll explained that the town has $70,000.00 in their Road Maintenance Account and 19 miles of road, 12 miles of which are dirt roads. “We do the best we can do with what monies we have.”
Charles Leighton stated he empathized with the residents of Loon Cove, but it it's a “Public Easement” we are required to keep safe, not rebuild.
Terry White stated that the residents should attend Town Meeting and request more funds.
A few residents thanked the Board for the efforts that goes into the care of Loon Cove and its improvements and stated they are aware it cannot all be done at once.

Melodie Bellefleur reminded the Board that she has the Town’s helium tank for storage in the event that it is needed for Stetson Days. Melodie also questions “ads” being sold in the Town of Stetson's name for the Stetson Day’s booklet, and asked if those monies will be put in the general fund for the town. Melodie
questioned what would happen in the event that Stetson Day’s runs over budget? Don Carroll stated there will be accountability and that the town would not pay anything over budget.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Charles Leighton: stated that he did not run for office to make friends, but to give the tax payers what they deserve and pay for.

Brenda Clark: Apologized to the Loon Cove residents that were present, but also stated that a lot of residents live on dirt roads, and you need to become accustom to how to drive in the spring and fall.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

______________________________  Donald Carroll
______________________________  Brenda Clark
______________________________  George Hockstadter
______________________________  Charles Leighton
______________________________  Terry White
Minutes recorded by Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING
   The meeting was called to order by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
   Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, and Charles Leighton were present. Terry White was absent.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
   Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2011
   Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve the July 27, 2011 meeting minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
   None.

D. WARRANT
   Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #8 & #9
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #8.

   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #9.

   Expenditures – Approve warrant #7 & #10
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #7.

   Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #10.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
   Nothing.

II. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Cemetery Monument
      Don Carroll reported that he did go and take a look at this monument and that he agreed the
stone should be restored as it is a historical site. Don also stated that he would like to see the
town go one step further and have a nice plaque made. Charles Leighton agreed to get the final
cost figures and Don Carroll will confirm where these funds can come from.

2. Weather vane @ meeting house
   The issues and concerns have been reported to the insurance company and we have not heard
   back from the insurance.

Brenda Clark reported to Connie Merrill that she is still trying to reach Frank Simmons.

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. William Barriault – Parking request at Salt Shed
   Mr. Barriault was present and requested that he be allowed to park his truck at the Salt and Sand
   Shed. Consensus of the Board was that this request would be allowed provided there was room.
   Brenda Clark requested that the roads be graded before school starts and it was also noted that
   the roadside mowing was not as low on Coboro Road because of the brim.

2. Reimbursement to Mark Merrill for 2 bags calcium
   Don Carroll stated that Mr. Merrill again did not request or ask permission before placing the
calcium. George Hockstadter stated that the roads are very dusty and the calcium was needed.
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 3 to 1 (Don
Carroll voting NO) to pay for the calcium bill that was submitted by Mark Merrill. (this was to be
explained to Mr. Merrill that he must have permission first)
   Also noted was to have the Road Commissioner pick up 6 bags of calcium to have on hand for
   such issues, and that Mt. Pleasant by the farm needs some calcium because of a child with
   asthma.

3. Tax Commitment Papers
   The Tax Commitment Papers were signed by all 4 Board Members present by consensus.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. ANIMAL CONTROL   Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD   Nothing.
C. CEMETERY   Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER   It was noted that there is a new CEO on board, Dalton Mullis. It was
posted in the Rolling Thunder that the new CEO hours are Tuesday from 8 am to noon.
E. E911   Nothing.
F. EDUCATION   School starts August 31, 2011.
G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE   Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE   Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT   Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE   Connie Merrill was present and requested that a Thank-you letter be sent to Sign
Services for the sign that was donated by them for the meeting house. Diane informed the public that
a letter was sent on July 28, 2011.
Don Carroll reported that Mr. Barriault, Charles Leighton and himself had walked Loon Cove and decided to put 4 inches of gravel (no fabric) and to grade the bad areas of Loon Cove. This will create a better travel path than what they have presently, and it is all the funds that the town has at this time. Consensus of the Board was to complete the above work stated.

Mr. Barriault then reported that he will then bull-doze the berm on Coboro Road and grade within the next 3 weeks.

George Hockstadter also requested that Mr. Barriault check out a mailbox complaint on Coboro Road.

Don Carroll reported the standing of the new law dealing with same day voter registration.

Marlene Webber was present and stated that she will be putting new flowers by the monument very soon. Don Carroll questioned if there were any results back from the soil test that were taken. Marlene stated that there was nothing that showed up on the test, but she felt there was a very strong odor of bleach when she was digging up the old flowers.

Diane reported that the Lawyer is trying to find the “teeth” that would deal with the issue of the uninhabitable property on the Mullen Road.
I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Charles Leighton, and Terry White were present. George Hockstadter was absent.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
1. Approve August 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve the August 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None.

D. WARRANT
1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #14 & #15
   Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #14.
   Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #15.

2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 16
   Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 – 0 to approve Warrant #16.
   Consensus of the Board was to transfer $60,000.00 from the Checking Account to the Undesignated Account. (per signature transfer page)

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 - 0 to approve the following 2 Abatements and 1 Supplemental:
Abatements: Jeff and Judy Young $46.05 and Juanita Mitchell $2687.30.
Supplemental: Russell Lanpher III $2687.30.

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. MMA Convention
The Convention is October 5th and 6th. Donald Carroll, Terry White, Charles Leighton, Diane Lacadie, and Catherine Fisher will be attending Wednesday October 5th. Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 3 to 1 to allow the closing of the office so that the office staff could attend the Convention on the 5th (Wed). (Don Carroll voting No)

2. Weather vane @ Meeting House
Don Carroll reporting that the Weather vane is ready to go back up and that Charles Leighton has done an excellent job repairing it. It has a bright shiny silver ball and looks great. Don stated that he has contacted the Company furnishing the lift, and as soon as the lift is available the repair and project will be completed.

Don also reported that the work fair crew from the Penobscot County Sherriff’s Department has been put on hold temporarily. There is hope in the future that the program will come to life again when the jails are no longer as crowded and the program can be set back in place.

3. Municipal Plowing Contract
Consensus of the Board was to put the Municipal Plowing Contract out to bid and to have the bids due back September 28, 2011 by 3:30 and to be opened at the regular scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting on the 28th of September.

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. News Letter
Don Carroll questioned the Board for any issues or concerns that they would like to see in the Selectmen’s Corner of the upcoming news letter:
Fall Clean Up October 15, 2011
Rabies Clinic November 19, 2011
Office Closing October 5th MMA Convention

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY Charles Leighton reported that he had spoken to Newport Monument and the cost to clean, straighten, and repair all of the stones on the Hartwell cemetery plot would be $500.00. There would be an additional cost of $150.00 for a black marble plaque reading Oliver Hartwell 1761 to 1854 and Revolutionary Soldier 1775 to 1783. Consensus of the Board was to have this project completed before Winter.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
E. E911 Nothing.
F. EDUCATION Don reported that there will be an Evaluation Letter sent to random residents dealing with School Functions.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Kim Tracy was present by the request of Don Carroll to deal with the storm related emergencies. Kim explained that the Fire Department is dispatched by 911 to deal with such emergencies. Don questioned how to co-ordinate the protocol of CMP, Fire Department,
and Road Commissioner. Kim stated that it is dealt with through 911 and surrounding mutual aid, but would also keep Road Commissioner and Don Carroll informed.

H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.

I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Kim requested that Don Carroll sign a form dealing with seeking an MMA grant for hearing protection. Kim also reported that there are presently 14 volunteers on the Department.

J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.

K. PARKS & RECREATION Soccer has started.

L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.

M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.

N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.

O. ROAD COMMISSIONER William Barriault was present

P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Nothing.

Q. TREASURER Diane Lacadie reported that the Town of Stetson has received a healthy dividend check from the Town's MMA Risk Management Insurance for a job well done. This dividend check is awarded when there are no personnel injuries, the yearly municipal audit shows the towns accounts in could standings and the “checks and balances” are in place. This year the Town was awarded $801.00. The Board thanked the staff and volunteers for a job well done.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Don Carroll stated that now would be a good time to plant the bulbs for next year to allow the new dirt to be placed on top of the bulbs. Marlene Webber agreed and questioned where the funds would come from to purchase the new bulbs. Don informed her that there is presently $1391.96 in the War Memorial Fund. Marlene stated that she would talk to Mr. Foss on the cost of the bulbs and get back to the board. Charles Leighton also reported that he had been questioned if the War Memorial was a Community Project and has heard others are interested in being involved. Marlene Webber stated that Community involvement is good until those that volunteer bail ship. Marlene also stated that she would prefer to work alone. Marlene also informed the Board that she would like to clear up a misconception being aired in town. Marlene stated that she has never accused Brenda Clark of killing the flowers in front of the Memorial stone. Marlene stated what she did say, “Is after Brenda was asked to take pictures of the flower in bloom for next years front cover of the Town Report, the flowers were poisoned with what Marlene feels was bleach and died.

T. OTHER

V. TRAINING Both Diane and Cathy will be attending a mandated Vitals Class on Tuesday Sept 20th, and both will be attending the MMA Convention on Oct. 5th.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS Mr. Pitchford was present and expressed the Loon Cove resident’s appreciation for the work that has been done on Loon Cove.

Marlene Webber also informed Mr. Leighton that volunteers do not always stand behind their commitments and that she would continue to do the flowers in the Memorial Park.

Don Carroll stated that he had seen Marlene the Friday before Stetson Days and that she looked
exhausted. Don publically thanked Marlene for all her hard work and sympathized with her for the volunteers not standing behind their commitments.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

_______________________________Donald Carroll
_______________________________Brenda Clark
_______________________________George Hockstadter (not present)
_______________________________Charles Leighton
_______________________________Terry White
TOWN OF STETSON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
Date: September 28, 2011 @ 6:00p.m.

I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was opened by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, and Charles Leighton. Terry White was absent

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
1. September 14, 2011
Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 3 to 0 to approve the September 14th minutes. (George Hockstadter did not vote, as he was not present at that meeting.)

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None

D. WARRANTS
1. Payroll Warrant - # 18 & #19
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #18.
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #19

2. Expenditures Warrant #17 & # 20
Warrant # 17 was officially signed by the Consensus of the Board because it had been approved at the previous meeting on September 14, 2011.

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #20 with the exception of $44.99 that was for the Tank guard at the Food Cupboard. (It is the responsibility of the Food Cupboard to pay the $44.99)

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Don Carroll reported that Stetson’s Assessors Agent Danielle Smith had fallen into a well and hurt her ankle.

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. Report on repaired Weather Vane @ Meeting House
Charles Leighton reported that the wooden part of the weather vane had just rotted over the years and that is why it was starting to lean. He replaced a portion of the weather vane with a silver ball, and had to add 11 feet to tighten and secure it. Consensus of the Board was that it looks great.

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Bid Opening for Municipal Plowing

There was only 1 bid submitted:

Clyde Gray - $7,000.00

Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to accept Clyde Grays bid and to ask him about a turn-a-round on Mt. Pleasant Road.

2. Cabinet at Meeting House

Don Carroll informed the Board that he has received a request from the Church Group that is renting the meeting house. They have requested to build a cabinet to store their supplies in and to be able to keep that cabinet at the meeting house locked up. Don question the old boy scouts cabinet that is presently in the down stairs of the meeting house and suggested that we contact someone to remove the lock from that cabinet and allow the church group to use it. Delores Butler stated she believes Theresa Gray has a key to that cabinet. Consensus of the Board was to allow the church group to build the cabinet if arrangements could not be made to use the one already in place.

Other Board Comments:

George Hockstadter stated that the electric and gas bills are increasing because of the increased usage and that next year the price for rental should be increased.

Don Carroll stated that there should be a reminder posted somehow so that the heat will be turned down after being rented.

Charles Leighton stated that it is nice that the building is being used.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY Charles Leighton reported that the cost of the repair and clean up of the stones will be $500.00 and the marble plaque will be $150.00. Charles also reported that the Historical Society is going to donate the $100.00 for the marble plaque.

The Board thanked the Historical Society.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
E. E911 Nothing.
F. EDUCATION. Nothing.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION The Administrative Assistant reported to the Board that the building used to store concession supplies has been broken into. The doors was busted in and the window broken. The police have been called, and the Parks and Recreation Leaders are considering selling the building that was purchased by them last year.
L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION George Hockstadter reported that he will do the Collection for the Town that is scheduled on October 15, 2011.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER William Barriault was present and reported to the Board that he is pretty much caught up on the projects previously discussed. William stated that there is 1 more section on
the Mt. Pleasant road that needs some work and will possibly do some hot-top patching.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP    Nothing.
Q. TREASURER    Nothing.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR    By consensus, the Board signed the new GA 2011/2012 GA Appendices.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE    Don Carroll stated that he will talk to Mr. Foss about bulbs to be planted.

T. OTHER
Diane reported that Mary Annett had called concerning the light on the left side of the entry door was not working, and wanted to know who was going to install the new screens in the windows. Don Carroll stated he believed there are light bulbs up there to replace the light bulb and the screens just slide in. Delores Butler being present stated that she will look for the bulbs, and that Amy and herself could install the screens.

V. TRAINING
Reminder to those attending the MMA Convention on October 5, 2011.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

_______________________________________Donald Carroll
_______________________________________Brenda Clark
George Hockstadter

Charles Leighton

Terry White (not present)
I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, Charles Leighton, and Terry White were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
   Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2011
Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve the September 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None.

D. WARRANT
   Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 22
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 to 1 to approve Warrant #22. (Don Carroll voting No)

   Expenditures – Approve warrant # 23
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #23.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Two discussions were tabled dealing with an abatement request from Judy Biggar, and questions concerning deeds to the Tasker property on Mullen Road.

II. OLD BUSINESS
None.

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Set date for Special Town Meeting
   Possible dates for Special Town Meeting being considered are November 14, 2011 or November 28, 2011.
IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
   A. ANIMAL CONTROL Complaint of a dog chasing cats on the Cross Road that has been dealt with.
   B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
   C. CEMETERY 1. Update on repair & clean up of revolutionary war Grave Stones.
   The plaque has been made and will be attached to the stone in the Spring along with the cleaning of
   the stones in the Spring.
   D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
   E. E911 Nothing.
   F. EDUCATION Don Carroll and Charles Leighton gave a report on the conference they attended at the
   school dealing with the “Future”.
   G. EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE Mitigation Plan was tabled.
   H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.
   I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.
   J. MEETINGHOUSE 1. Update on cabinet in meeting house
   No update was given because contacts had not been reached.
   K. PARKS & RECREATION Nothing.
   L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.
   M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
   N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION The collection coming up on Saturday was noted.
   O. ROAD COMMISSIONER William Barriault was present and reported that there is more work to be
   completed on the Mt. Pleasant Road and that the dirt roads will be graded one more time before
   Winter. Barriault also assured the Board that there will be enough money left in the budget to deal
   with the roads in the spring.
   P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Nothing.
   Q. TREASURER Not present.
   R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Not present.
   S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE 1. Update on Memorial Garden
   Marlene Webber will get the bulbs and plant them in the garden. Don Carroll will contact the
   ranch to possibly get some help with shoveling the dirt.

   T. OTHER 1. Update on light bulbs in Library
   No Update.

VI. TRAINING
   None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   None.
VIII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

_________________________________________Donald Carroll
_________________________________________Brenda Clark
_________________________________________George Hockstadter
_________________________________________Charles Leighton
_________________________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by Don Carroll
I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was opened with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
*Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, Charles Leighton, and Terry White* were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
1. Approve Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2011
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve the October 12, 2011 meeting minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
*None.*

D. WARRANT
1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 24
   Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #24.
2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 25
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #25. (noted in the approval was to hold the school check to Monday, and to transfer funds if needed, and to check the last 2 months electric bill for the meeting house)

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
1. Abatement request from Judy Biggar (tabled from last meeting)
   *Don Carroll* noted the years of service that Judy Biggar had provided to the Town of Stetson, and explained that the mistake was made by the forester, not Miss Biggar. Although the Board agreed and thanked Judy for her years of service, they felt that all Abatement request should be treated as equals and that the timeline was missed for this abatement request and although it was not Miss Biggar’s fault, it was not the Town’s fault either.
   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to Grant the Abatement request.

2. Tasker Property discussion (tabled from last)
   *Consensus of the Board was to set this letter aside and let the Attorneys and Registry of Deeds deal with deeds in question. This correspondence should not involve the Town of Stetson.*
OLD BUSINESS
1. Special Town Meeting Date
   It has been assured that no Special Town Meeting is needed involving the Meeting House Account and its standings with the expenses paid to repair the steeple.

II. NEW BUSINESS
1. Public access to sand
   Consensus of the Board was to continue as last year and have someone at the Sand and Salt shed on the first Saturday of the month to allow Stetson residents to get limited quantities of sand for their driveways etc. This will start November 5\textsuperscript{th} from 9 am to 11 am.

2. Outsourcing Payroll
   After some discussion on the constant changing tax laws and the discussions at the MMA conference, the Board decided to outsource the Payroll to Advantage Payroll services. Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to outsource payroll to Advantage Payroll.

   Charles Leighton also expressed concerns of sprucing up the Helen Stuart Park that is owned by the Town. Board Members agreed that some work over there is needed and will discuss ideas of improving the sign, picnic tables, etc. in the spring.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. ANIMAL CONTROL - Rabbies Clinic Nov 19, 2011 (10-11)
B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
C. CEMETERY George Hockstadter suggested that the Revolutionary War stone be the Cover of next years Town Report. The Board agreed with that idea.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Don Carroll reported to the Board that Dalton Mullis and himself took a ride to check for potential unlicensed junk yards.
E. E911 Nothing.
F. EDUCATION Nothing.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION The Halloween Trip to the pumpkin patch was noted.
L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER William Barriault was present and reported to the Board that he has completed the work that is to be done before winter. Barriault stated that the dirt roads are going to be graded 1 more time, and that he will look at the big pot holes that Brenda Clark reported that are on the hot top portion of the Coboro Road. Don Carroll also mentioned a bad tree on the Merrill Road that could cause problems this winter and Barriault said he will also take a look at that. Barriault also informed the board that he will be out of town a lot now driving his other truck a may not be able to attend every Selectmen’s meeting, but would attend at least 1 a month. And noted that the board has
his cell phone # if he is needed.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  Nothing.
Q. TREASURER  Nothing.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR  Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  Marlene Webber was present and stated that she will be planting new bulbs soon.

T. OTHER

IV. TRAINING  
Cathy and Melissa will be attending a WebEx class on Thursday morning from 9 to 11 at the office.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Personnel issues per 1 MRSA sec 404 (6) (A)  
Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session per 1 MRSA sec 404 (6) (A) at 7:10 p.m.  
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session and enter back into Public Session. At 7:25 p.m.  
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to give Catherine Fisher a 3 % raise effective October 1, 2011.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was called to order by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter and Charles Leighton. (Terry White was absent).
George Hockstadter left at 6:35 pm.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
1. Approve October 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve the October 26, 2011 minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None.

D. WARRANT
1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #27 (note correction from Warrant # 27 to Payroll #1 – Advantage Payroll)
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Payroll Warrant #1 from Advantage Payroll Services.

2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 26
Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #26.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
A previously approved Abatement for Judy Biggar was signed.
The Board also approved an Abatement Sebasticook Regional Land Trust in the amount $2,257.64 with a motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, and a vote of 4 to 0 to grant the abatement.

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. Payroll reporting update
Diane reported to the Board that this was the first week with Advantage Payroll Services and although there were minor mistakes such as one check was different in taxes taken out and there were some issues on Vacation and Sick time accruals and balances. Diane stated that she has contacted Advantage and straighten all those issues out. There will be one more call in and then we will be on line.

III. NEW BUSINESS
Diane gave the Board copies of the November 8th 2011 election results.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. ANIMAL CONTROL          Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD            Town is still seeking one more member for the Appeals Board.
C. CEMETERY                The Board signed 4 Cemetery Deeds and Charles Leighton the lower driveway be redone at the Clarks Hill Cemetery. Don Carroll also stated that there needs to be some probing down to determine ledge.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Nothing.
E. E911 spectrum            Nothing.
F. EDUCATION                Copies were given to the board for an invitation dealing with State Funding on 11/14/2011 at UMO.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE               Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT          The Board requested that the Fire Chief attend the next meeting.
J. MEETINGHOUSE             Electric Bills were checked and are remaining approximately the same each month.
K. PARKS & RECREATION       Nothing.
L. PLANNING BOARD           Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR       Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER        Not Present. Final grading should be completed soon.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Nothing.
Q. TREASURER                Nothing.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR         Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE       Don Carroll reported that the new bulbs have been planted at a cost of $322.00 and should be ready for spring. Butch Currier will present a bill for the use of his tractor. It was also noted the spelling of “Afghanistan” on the Memorial Stone is incorrect.

T. OTHER

V. TRAINING
Diane will be in Augusta on Tuesday (11/15/2011) and Cathy and Melissa will be taking a Trio Webex class on Tuesday (11/12/2011) in the office.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Carolyn Merrill stated that the Clark’s Hill Cemetery is a mess.
Mark Mosentine was present and questioned the definition of a “discontinued road”? The explained that the road in question, Hurd and Deer Borne Drive, reverted back to the owners in 2002 and is a “public way”. Mr. Mosentine also showed some interest in becoming a Board of Appeals member and thanked the Board for the new road signs.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 3 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

_______________________________________Donald Carroll
_______________________________________Brenda Clark
_______________________________________George Hockstadter(left
_______________________________________Charles Leighton
_______________________________________Terry White(not present)

Minutes recorded by Diane Lacadie
I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was called to order by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Don Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, Charles Leighton, and Terry White were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2011
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 1 to approve the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes. (Terry White abstained because he was not present at that meeting.)

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
NONE.

D. WARRANT

1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant #2 (Advantage Payroll)
   Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to approve Payroll Warrant #2 (Advantage Payroll)

2. Expenditures – Approve warrant #27
   Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to approve Warrant #27 but to hold Sullivan’s Waste Check until Don Carroll had time to call and verify the amount and Brenda Clark voting “No” on the bill presented by Irving Currier.
   Brenda Clark also had concerns of approximately $502.00 being spent on flowers for the Memorial Park.
   Consensus of the board was to transfer $150,000 from the checking account to the Undesignated Account.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
An Abatement request from Mona Booker recommended by Assessors Agent Danielle Smith to grant abatement in the amount of $896.28 (dollar) or $58,200.00 (in Valuation) because burned to the ground before April 1, 2011. Home burnt on March 17, 2011.
Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to grant the Abatement in the dollar amount of $896.28.

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. None.

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Office Procedures / and or alarm codes
   Don Carroll explained to the Board that there is an issue of concern in the office with someone entering when the office is closed and copying documents, some of which may contain confidential information. This concern will be solved, as those documents will now be filed in locked cabinets. Diane requested that if the Board wanted documents in the office to request those documents and visually go over them and not to take copies out of the office. Some of the documents that have been requested have some confidential information on them. Although Board member have a right to all information, it is in the best interest in the town that copies of confidential information is not floating around out there to the public.

2. 3 year contract review and status
   The Board was given a copy of the last 3 year Winter Snow Plowing contract that was used from 2001 to 2004 to preview before going out to bid. The Solid Waste contact will remain potentially the same except changing from 1 year to 3 years.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORT
A. ANIMAL CONTROL
   Don Carroll had concerns of the number of cats at a location on Lakins Road and the well being of those cats. Diane explained that the situation has been dealt with as some will be given away to become barn cats.
B. APPEALS BOARD
   Nothing.
C. CEMETERY
   Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
   Nothing.
E. E911
   The Mt. Pleasant road sign is again missing therefore Don Carroll questioned if the Town is using the Tamper free screws to deter the signs being stolen. (the road commissioner will look into what is being used for screws.)
F. EDUCATION
   1. Request from school to use Meeting House for a play
      Lori Arena has requested to use the upstairs of the Meeting House for a Christmas play the school is having and for the Town to waive the fees associated with the rental.
      Consensus of the board was to allow the use and waive the fees as long as there was enough supervision while children were in attendance.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
   Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE
   Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT
   Kim Tracy was present and informed the Board that the Rescue truck
needs new tires and the cheapest place to get them is Sears. The Town does not have an account with Sears therefore Mr. Tracy requested to get a total purchase price from Sears and to have a check cut to replace the tires out of the EMS budget. Consensus of the Board was to grant this request. Don Carroll questioned if the Department is loosing or gaining personnel? Kim stated the Department presently has 14 people.

Kim also addressed the Board with the need of new air bottles that are required to be replaced by the year 2015. The department has recently purchased 4 of them at a cost of $3,200 and department has a total of 20 air bottles. Kim requested to be involved at Budget time to make some type of request to replace the air bottles and noted that there is only 1 more payment on the Engine of $18,075. Don Carroll explained that the final payment would be made in the 2012 budget. Kim requested that the town consider a new EMS vehicle when the engine was paid off.

Kim also informed the Board that the batteries have been removed from the old Smoke Detectors at the meeting house again.

Don Carroll also requested that Overhead door be contacted to find out when the scheduled maintenance was to be done.

The Board congratulated Kim Tracy on his new job as a Professor of Fireology.

J. MEETINGHOUSE  Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION  Nothing.
L. PLANNING BOARD  Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR  Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  Nothing.

O. ROAD COMMISSIONER

1. Gravel

Mr. Barriault was present and requested to stock pile 10 loads of gravel somewhere in the town for use in the spring. Consensus of the Board was that it was a little late for that and that the gravel would be frozen in the spring. Barriault also reported the roads are presently being graded. Lois Hawes reported that there are vehicles that are making track marks on the Mt. Pleasant road.

Barriault also requested that the town order more sign post and hardware for the street signs.

P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP  Nothing.

Q. TREASURER  Nothing.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR  Nothing.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  Don Carroll questioned who placed the “Real Heroes Wear Dog Tags” sign on the memorial site. Marlene Webber being present stated she paid for the sign and placed it there. Don requested that the sign be removed as it is offensive to some because there are other heroes such as firemen, police, and some veterans do not wear dog tags and find the sign to be offensive.

T. OTHER

Mrs. Miles requested that a reminder be put in the next newsletter inquiring of names to be added to the stone, Don Carroll stated he would do that. Don explained that the cost of 1 name added to the stone would be the same cost as 6 or 7 names. The consensus of the Board was to add the Revolutionary War name and also Civil War Veterans names.

V. TRAINING
Diane attended training in Augusta dealing Personnel Practices and Procedures. Cathy and Melissa attended a Web ex training dealing with General Ledger accounts.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lois Hawes addressed the Chairman of the Board requesting to address one of the Board Members directly. With permission granted, Lois addressed George Hockstadter questioning if he addressed the Town Administrative Assistant abruptly and rudely in the office in front of other employees and customers? George responded Yes, he did and he has apologized for doing so. Lois then addressed George Hockstadter again, “as a private citizen of Stetson, and a Tax payer, I request that you resign as a Board Member. George apologized and stated he would not resign. George then disbursed to the Board members a letter from Attorney Cox in response to recent events that have taken place and are ongoing issues and concerns. Diane Lacadie requested a 5 minute break, and upon her return requested that the other Board members find a way to deal with the above issues because things were getting way out of hand. With things the way they are at this time between George and myself, it is in the best interest of the town that things be dealt with and put to rest!

Consensus of the Board at this time was to adjourn the meeting immediately.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by Terry White, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

_______________________________________ Donald Carroll
_______________________________________ Brenda Clark
_______________________________________ George Hockstadter
I. OPEN MEETING
The meeting was called to order with Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, Charles Leighton, and Terry White were present. George Hockstadter was absent.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2011
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve the November 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
None.

D. WARRANT

1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 3 & 4 (Advantage Payroll)
   Upon motion Charles Leighton, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Payroll Warrants #3 and #4.

2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 28 & 29
   Upon motion by Brenda Clark, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #28.
   Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was voted 4 to 0 to approve Warrant #29.

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
   Abatement request for Mr. Stubbs
   Mr. Stubbs was present and Don Carroll informed the board that the Assessing Agent recommended to deny this Abatement request. Mr. Stubbs abatement request was for $6,000 in Real Estate Value because there is no legal access to the property. Mr. Stubbs feels that the base price of the lot is valued to high compared to other similar properties in Stetson.
   Upon motion by Don Carroll, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 4 to 0 to table the Abatement
request until Don has a chance to speak with the Assessing Agent, Danielle Smith.

II. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Contracts
      Don reminded the Board that Contract bids and discussions will be taking place soon, and that he likes to have all Board Members notes and recommendations for the first meeting in January. 3 year contracts will include Plowing and Solid Waste.

III. NEW BUSINESS

   1. Request from Todd Tousaint to use the Meeting House on Thursday evenings for a Boys Scout Troup
      Mr. Tousaint was not present.
      Upon motion by Charles Leighton, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was voted 4 to 0 to table this request until further notice by Mr. Tousaint.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

   A. ANIMAL CONTROL Nothing.
   B. APPEALS BOARD Nothing.
   C. CEMETERY Nothing.
   D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Don informed the Board that our CEO will be checking into the Tasker Property again for CEO and safety violations.
   E. E911 Nothing.
   F. EDUCATION Nothing has been stated from Dan Higgins dealing with school closer as of yet.
   G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
   H. EMT/RESCUE There is a concern/request from the EMT personnel dealing with a resident on the Billings road. The Billings Rd is a private road and certain locations are not being plowed. The EMT responders and/or Ambulance are getting stuck in the storms. Consensus of the Board was to “play it by ear” until we are sure that the resident that is of concern will be staying there this winter.
   I. FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Chief Kim Tracy was present and thanked those whom attended the ICS – 402 Overview for Executive/Senior Officials class on December 12, 2011. This certification for the Board of Selectmen is mandatory and allows the Fire Department and EMS Department to be eligible for grants. Kim also reported that there are 2 new FD members working through their 6 month probation.
   J. MEETINGHOUSE A report was given that there is a Light bulb out, and that the Church Group will take care of it.
   K. PARKS & RECREATION The Parks and Rec Department will be hosting the annual Christmas Party on Dec 17th.
   L. PLANNING BOARD Nothing.
   M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
   N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Don Carroll reported that he took a ride on Tuesday, and there were a lot of recycling bins out for pick-up, but we need as many as we can get.
   O. ROAD COMMISSIONER Mr. Barriault was present and informed the Board that road work is pretty much done for the winter months. He reported that the roads have been graded, he cut a tree done of Everetts Landing and has had good reports from the winter impacted roads thus far. Don Carroll informed Barriault that there is a tree on the Merril Road that is hanging completely over the road...
that could cause some problems.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP Don responded to LPC’s concerns via e-mail and will be attending a meeting in January.
Q. TREASURER Diane informed the Board that she will have the Mid-year expense/revenue report ready for the next meeting.
R. WELFARE DIRECTOR Nothing.
S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Nothing. (Marlene was not present)

T. OTHER
Non Agenda items:
1. NFI Ranch will be hosting a Christmas Dinner for all those who would like to attend. There will be no cost to the dinner, donations will be accepted and 100% of those donations will be given to the food cupboard.
2. Don Carroll reported to the Board that the School Bus turn-a-round on Rte 22 is actually located in Newport, and the owner of the property has requested a load of gravel to make it easier for the busses to turn in. Consensus of the Board was to allow Don Carroll to call Jim Ricker to help with labor and materials and proceed as needed to fix the problem.
3. Don reported that Budget Workshops will be starting the first week in February and should be held in the evening to allow Department Heads to attend.

VI. TRAINING Diane Lacadie, Brenda Clark, and Charles Leighton attended the ICS – 402 training on December 12th.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS Delores Butler reported that a special tool is needed for the lights at the library. Charles will look for that tool to see if he has one available.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS Don Carroll informed the Board that he will not be able to attend the January 25, 2012 Meeting. Don also reported that the Town has received a check for reimbursement from the county in the amount of $3,474.17. These funds were reimbursed to towns because Bangor Regional Dispatch did not pass. Don spoke with Penobscot Sheriffs to schedule the work crew in May for the cemeteries, and a seconded week to work on the Meeting house.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

X. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
I. OPEN MEETING
   The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Don Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL
   Donald Carroll, Brenda Clark, George Hockstadter, Charles Leighton, and Terry White were present.

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING
   1. Approve Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2011
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve the December 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes. (George Hockstadter did not sign because he was not present at the December 14th meeting.)

C. QUIT CLAIM DEEDS
   None.

D. WARRANT
   1. Payroll Warrant – Approve warrant # 5 (Advantage Payroll)
      Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by Brenda Clark, it was unanimously voted to approve Payroll Warrant #5.

   2. Expenditures – Approve warrant # 30
      Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Terry White, it was voted 4 to 1 to approve Warrant #30. (Charles Leighton abstained).

E. BOARD OF ASSESSORS
   Abatement request for Mr. Stubbs
   Mr. Stubbs was present and Don Carroll explained to both Mr. Stubbs and the Board that the lot in question has already been abated 50% in 2008 because of the lack of access. Don also explained that the reason for the different base lot values noted in the Town Report Valuations is because those lots are not a full acre.

   Upon motion by George Hockstadter, seconded by Charles Leighton, it was unanimously voted to
deny the Abatement request because of the Abatement issued in 2008.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Reminder of Budget Workshop Dates:
   February 1, 2012 (Time ?)
   February 15, 2012 (Time ?)
Consensus of the Board was to start the above meeting dates at 6:00 p.m. and to notify the Department Heads by letter and request their presence. Terry White also stated that each Department Budget will be gone over line by line and Department Heads should be ready to answer request for changes to their budget or answer why no change to budget request.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Snowplow Complaint/Brenda Richie
   George Hockstadter stated that this is ongoing issue with Webber and Richie and a lot of complaints have been filed.
   Consensus of the board was that the roads need to be plowed and all have to be courteous to one-another in those weather conditions.
   Don Carroll informed the Board that he has spoken with both Mr. Webber and Mrs. Richie to address these issues.
   Marlene Webber requested to address the Board and Don Carroll explained that this was not the time for Public Comments.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ANIMAL CONTROL    Nothing.
B. APPEALS BOARD      Nothing.
C. CEMETERY           Nothing.
D. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
   George Hockstadter informed the Board that he has spoken with Dalton Mullis and informed him of the property on the East Newport Road that has removed the mobile home and are now living in the garage. George stated that there is a “Keep Out” sign posted on the tree.
E. E911               Nothing.
F. EDUCATION          Don Carroll reported that their last meeting was cancelled.
G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE Nothing.
H. EMT/RESCUE         Nothing.
I. FIRE DEPARTMENT    Nothing.
J. MEETINGHOUSE       Nothing.
K. PARKS & RECREATION Nothing.
L. PLANNING BOARD     Nothing.
M. PLUMBING INSPECTOR Nothing.
N. RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION Nothing.
O. ROAD COMMISSIONER  Not present.
P. STATE LEGISLATIVE CORRESP
The next meeting is in January.

Q. TREASURER
Diane supplied the board members with the ½ year Revenue/Expense Report for their information and stated if there were any questions to come into the office and she would explain.

R. WELFARE DIRECTOR
Nothing.

S. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Nothing.

T. OTHER
Don Carroll reported that the results of the benefit supper that was hosted by NFI (Ranch) on Thursday December 23, 2011. The residents of the Ranch hosted the supper and the meal was free. Donations were accepted and all received was donated to the Stetson Food Cupboard. Approximately 40 people showed up for the meal, and $137.00 was raised. The actual check being donated is for $150.00.
The Town of Stetson appreciates the efforts of the residents and staff of the NFI Ranch.

The Board publically thanked the Beacon of Light Christian Fellowship for their $300.00 donation for the increased heating costs because of their usage of the Meeting House.

Charles Leighton informed the Board that he changed the lights at the Fire Station/Library Complex.

V. TRAINING
Nothing.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Marlene Webber again requested to address the Board about the above complaint from Brenda Richie. Don Carroll questioned if Marlene was present at the time of the incident in which the complaint was filed. Marlene stated “No, but Richard came home and told her.” Don informed Marlene that she was not present therefore could not attest to what happened and again stated that he has spoken with both parties and the issue has been dealt with. Marlene became upset about not being able speak and address the above complaint again. Don Carroll informed Marlene Webber that the personality issues have to cease or she will removed from the meetings.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS
George Hockstadter: Requested the ordering of the “Dead End” sign for his road. Consensus of the board was to order the sign.

Charles Leighton: Stated that he wished that Ricker of Newport would have been contacted and included in the repairs to the turn-a-round. Both Newport and Stetson both use this turn-a-round and should be responsible to maintain. Charles also stated that their Public Works Department may have done the work themselves and saved both towns some money. Don Carroll informed the Board that he thought he was given the authority to get this work done and was not aware of the cost at the time. Don will take a copy of the bill to Mr. Ricker and see if they will share some of the cost.

Brenda Clark: Informed the Board that she has received a $10.00 donation for flags from the Brownie troops.
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Terry White, seconded by George Hockstadter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

____________________________________Donald Carroll
____________________________________Brenda Clark
____________________________________George Hockstadter
____________________________________Charles Leighton
____________________________________Terry White

Minutes recorded by;
Diane Lacadie